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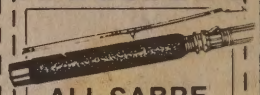

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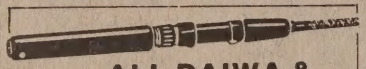

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Mako Marine boats has funded a $5000 first prize for mako sharks, as well as $1000 for second and $500 for third. Another participating sponsor, Sabre Rods, will give a Sabre 50-130 lb. class stand-up big game rod to the winners of both the Sabre Yellowfin Tuna and Sabre Bigeye Tuna categories, in addition to $1000 cash awards.

Many other awards are being offered by merchandise sponsors. Even those who don't win cash awards in the Meister Brau Party Boat Division may walk off with Ryobi rods and reels for being daily winners with bluefish, weakfish, sea bass and blackfish. The largest daily fluke will earn Daiwa Sealine rods and reels. But that's not all! There are also daily awards for the largest of each species from each state (New York and New Jersey), with the runner-up to the overall daily award winner claiming the state prize. These state daily awards include rods and reels from Ryobi plus Bridgeport diamond jigs and other products by Bead Chain. Topping the party boat awards off is a special prize to the individual with the winning catch which comes closest to the IGFA all tackle record (as of the 1985 IGFA Record Book) on a percentage basis. Tha angler will get a pass entitling him or her to free fishing on any participating party boat for the rest of 1985!

Inshore Division anglers will work on bluefish, fluke and weakfish. Daily bluefish winners will receive Ryobi MGT-4 spinning reels with matching Ryobi RC-480 8-ft. graphite composite rods. The daily fluke winners get Daiwa Sealine rod and reel combinations, and the daily weakfish awards consist of an Abu-Garcia Cardinal 757 spinning reel with a Garcia 7½ ft. SS76MH graphite rod. The largest from each state each day (on the same basis as the party boat awards) will receive Spider charts and umbrella rigs. The largest bluefish will be mounted free by Fish Unlimited. The Inshore Division winner closest to the IGFA all tackle record on a percentage basis will receive an Eagle Mach 1 graph recorder, while the runner-up gets a Lowrance In-Dash Digital Flasher. All this is in addition to cash awards for each species that start at $1000.

In the Offshore Division there will be gaffs and a cockpit harpoon from Julian's Tackle in Atlantic Highlands as well as Reliable gaffs, Lil'l Smoker high speed lures from Custom Mounts, International and Spider charts and shark rigs for daily winners in the yellowfin, bigeye and albacore tuna categories as well as for mako sharks, other sharks and bluefish. The shark closest to the IGFA all tackle record on a percentage basis will win a Uniden Sea Hawk 88 VHF radio donated by Shane Marine, while the top tuna on the same basis will claim $500 work of M&M squid trolling rids. The biggest bluefish will be mounted at no charge by Fish Unlimited, and the largest shark of any species will earn a Fish Unlimited Shark Pen Set award. Topping it off is the Tycoon/Fin-Nor 50 lb. Lite rod and reel combination which will go to the boat with the most winners. Each boat is eligible for only one winner in each species, so this will require winning one of the top three places in more than one species category. In the event of a tie, the award will go to the heaviest combined weight of winners.

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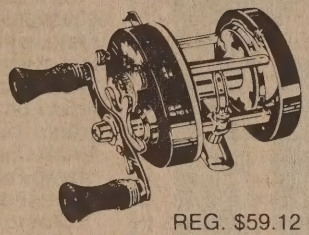

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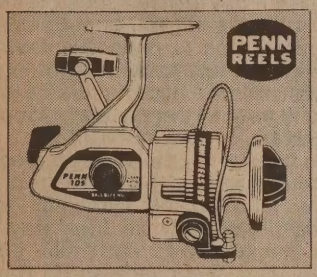

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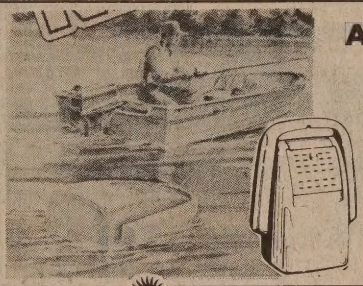

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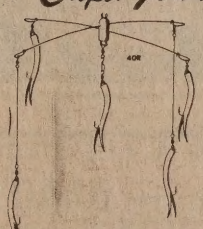

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IWLA OFFERS $20,000 TO FUND CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEANUP PROJECTS

The Izaak Walton League has raised $20,000 to fund grants for Bay restoration projects, League executive director Jack Lorenz announced today from League headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Funds for the grants come from sales of the 1984 IWLA Chesapeake Bay Conservation Stamp Print which sold out all 1,350 in the series four months after release.

"We're absolutely delighted with the enthusiastic response to our first Chesapeake Bay Conservation Stamp Print," said Lorenz. "We're very pleased we were able to raise this much money in the inaugural year of our campaign, and we hope to raise a lot more next year as people learn about the project.

"The League is the first national conservation group to organize a nationwide fund raising campaign to help fight pollution in the Bay," Lorenz pointed out. "We feel it's essential that the hundreds of Bay restoration projects get help and recognition for the vital work they're doing to help clean up this magnificent natural resource."

Any non-profit group doing conservation work on the Bay may now apply for IWLA grants, which will range in size from $500 to $5,000 each. Conservation projects can be either practical cleanup efforts or research programs, and should enhance but not duplicate efforts of other organizations already working on the Bay. Preference will be given to projects that are innovative and unique. Grant applications should be sent to the Bay Grant Selection Comittee, care of the League National Headquarters in Arlington, and must be postmarked *no later* than July 31, 1985.

Final grant selections will be made by the three-person selection committee headed by *Field and Stream* conservation editor George Reiger and will be announced in mid-September.

The Chesapeake Bay Conservation Stamp Print campaign was conceived and designed as an eight-year program, with a new signed, limited edition print commissioned each year by the 63-year-old League. The 1984 Stamp Print, "Canadas Over The Chesapeake," which depicts five Canada geese winging over a Bay marsh, is an original work painted by internationally renowned wildlife artist Maynard Reese, the only artist ever to win the National Duck Stamp award five times. Stanley Meltzoff,

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well known game fish artist, has been commissioned to do a painting of the threatened Bay striped bass (rockfish) for the 1985 Stamp Print. Release for sale of the new Stamp Print will be announced this summer.

"The 1984 print initially sold for $130, but since they sold out, the face value has skyrocketed to $225, a phenomenal jump in value," said Lorenz. "It's a real bonus to wildlife art collectors who had the foresight to invest in the 1984 print."

Although the League considers these results to be quite good for the first year of a fund raising campaign, the expense of the Stamp Print and its companion stamps and medallions were more than anticipated, according to IWLA director of development, Eric Swanson.

"Promotional and printing costs really cut into our net proceeds," said Swanson. "We're hoping to find a corporation or other source to cosponsor the project and help underwrite these expenses so we can put the major portion of the money where it's intended—to fund grants for Bay cleanup projects."

The Stamp Print, along with individual stamps and medallions, are distributed through a nationwide art dealer network, selected sporting goods stores and recognized stamp outlets.

SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE NEWS

The 35th Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meetings of the Sport Fishing Institute convened on May 8, 1985, at the office of SFI in Washington, DC. Six directors were re-elected for two-year terms, including Tom Bedell (Berkley & Company), Warren Delventhal (Woodstream Corporation), Dick Kotis (Fred Arbogast Company), John Perry (Daiwa Corporation), Don Sturdevant (Shakespeare), and the President of Tackle Representatives Association International, Dick Booth, Incumbent.

Two new directors were elected for two year terms: Gene Bay, Publisher of *Field and Stream*, and Mike Myers, President of Abu-Garcia.

Continuing as Directors for the second year of their two year terms are John Charvat, Zebco; Frank Cogdell, Jr., Stren; Tom Dyer, Techsonics; Pete Henning, Plano; Fritz Myers, Outboard Marine Corporation; Ron Weber, Normark; Mike Zagata, Tenneco; and the President of AFTMA, Peter Foley, Incumbent.

The Board also elected three officers to serve two year terms in SFI's Executive Committee, including Mike Zagata, Vice Chairman, Tom Dyer, Vice Chairman, and Fritz Myers, Treasurer.

Continuing members of the Executive Committee through SFI's 1986 Annual Board Meeting are Frank Cogdell, Chairman and Ron Weber, Vice Chaiman.

Chairman Cogdell commented, "The Sport Fishing Institute enters its new fiscal year with a strong and vibrant Board of Directors and Executive Committee. We are committed to SFI's conservation, advocacy and educational programs and will ensure that they remain strong and respond to the needs of the sport fishing fraternity. We are also committed to providing SFI with the flexibility to develop new program initiatives to meet the ever-changing challenges of maintaining a healthy sport fishing environment."

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to proceed with an exciting new project at SFI that will prove to have enormous benefits for the future of sport fishing: The Sport Fishery Economics Project. SFI will collect, examine, evaluate and disseminate sport fishing economic data, and use this information to make the case for stronger support of sport fishing by financial, legislative and regulatory decision-makers.

Gilbert Radonski, President of SFI, spoke on this project: "At the present time, economic data on sport fishing is fragmented and not in a form usable by the sport fishing constituency to advocate programs. SFI's strongest arguments have occurred when we have had hard economic facts to back up our case. For example, economic data on commercial fishing promotes the belief that commercial fishing creates tremendous economic activity and employment while sport fishing is considered frivolous. The truth is that sport fishing contributes more to employment and the GNP than does the commercial fishery. We will resolve this and many other misperceptions held by state and federal governmental agencies only when we have a sound data base on which to build our arguments."

The Board of Directors also unanimously passed a resolution, in favor of Wallop-Breaux, urging the U.S. Congress "in acting upon the Administration's budget request for the Boating Safety and Sport Fish Restoration program for fiscal 1986, to protect the permanent appropriation for this program and to fully appropriate these user-fees for boating safey and sport fishing development purposes as specified in P.L. 98-369."

A highlight of the afternoon portion of the meeting was the presentation of a plaque to Jack Spriggs (Sampo) for his steadfast and dedicated service to the Sport Fishing Institute as Director of 14 years, and Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee for eight of those years.

Chairman Cogdell commented, "We will all miss Jack's participation on the SFI Board. For 14 years, his leadership has been an inspiration to all who care about sport fishing. Although he is retiring and leaving the SFI Board, we hope he will continue to contribute his wit and wisdom (and his wealth) to SFI."

The Directors unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation thanking Mr. Spriggs for "his contribution to the conservation of aquatic resources and creation of sport fishing oppor-

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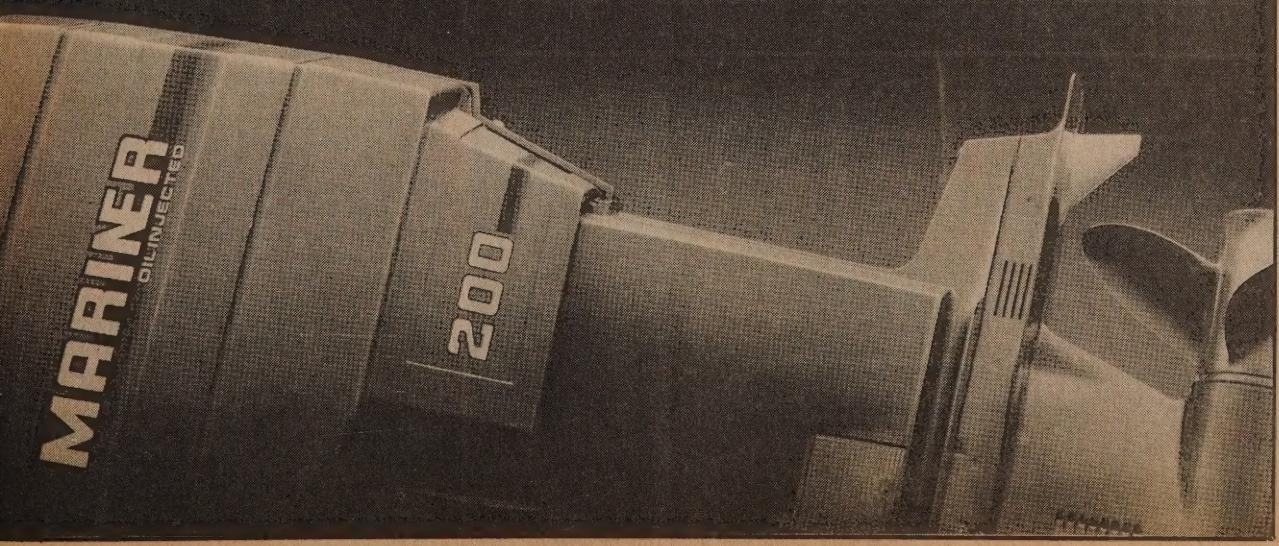

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HOUSE APPROVES MORICHES DREDGING FUNDING

The House of Representatives has voted to release $1 million to begin the job of clearing a safe channel through Moriches Inlet, a decision First District Congressman William Carney said "will put an end to the inlet's deadly legacy as one of Long Island's most treacherous waterways."

The $1 million, approved on June 12, as part of a larger supplemental appropriations bill, will permit the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a long-term inlet stabilization project with an estimated cost of $5 million. The federal government will provide $2.6 million, with the rest coming from state and local sources.

The inlet is heavily used by South Shore boaters, but the channel is choked with shoals. The combination of shallow depths and swift, unpredictable currents has caused many boating mishaps and drownings.

Congress first authorized the use of federal resources to dredge the inlet in 1960, but the project had never received final federal approval.

"The federal government has a clear responsibility to ensure the safety of every boater who takes to this inlet," Congressman Carney said after the successful House vote. "The people of Suffolk County have known this for many years, and I'm pleased that my colleagues have reached the same correct conclusion."

The Army Corps of Engineers' plan calls for dredging a channel 10 feet deep and 200 feet wide running rom the Atlantic Ocean to Moriches Bay.

A secondary channel six feet deep and 100 feet wide is to connect the inlet to the Long Island Intercoastal Waterway.

The Moriches work passed a major hurdle earlier in the month when it survived a House vote to cut 31 dredging projects costing $100 million from the appropriations bill. Unlike Moriches, those projects had not received prior Congressional approval.

BOATING SKILLS COURSE

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-1 has scheduled a summer Boating Skills and Seamanship Course, beginning Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at the World's Fair Marina. Classes begin at 8PM.

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REVOLUTIONARY NEW LEADER MAKES WET FLIES, STREAMERS, AND NYMPHS MORE EFFECTIVE

Trout fishermen have known for years that a wet fly, streamer, or nymph will catch more fish when it drifts just above the bottom. Trout do most of their feeding below the surface of the water, and a trout that is lying on the bottom in three feet of water will be reluctant to swim up near the surface to take a fly; it's much easier for him to inhale a fly that is drifting at his level.

Unfortunately, we need to use a nylon leader that is relatively transparent and flexible in order to fool a trout. Nylon, at best, has a neutral buoyancy in water and usually it floats. So fly fishermen have resorted to using sinking fly lines and very short (1 to 3 ft.) leaders or to crimping split shot on a leader. Neither are entirely satisfactory solutions. Lead on the leader makes casting a lobbing proposition, and very short leaders place the fly very close to the heavy, very visible fly line.

Orvis has developed a new leader that makes fishing wet flies an efficient and fun way of fooling trout. This year they've introduced a new leader that takes advantage of the superior casting qualities of braided leaders; but the leader goes a big step further because it has a one foot long section of lead, incorporated into the end of the braid nearest the tippet. The lead gets a fly down deep, quickly and puts the weight where you need it—right next to the fly. The nine foot leaders cast very well—much better than a leader weighted with split shot because the weight is flexible and distributed along twelve inches of the leader, not just in a single spot that causes a "hinge" in your casting.

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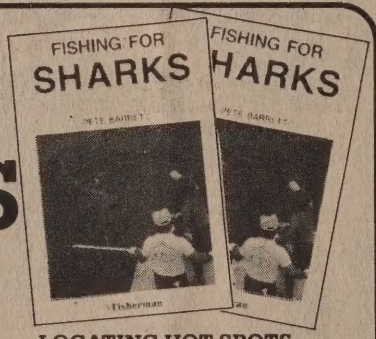

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MERCURY'S POWER TRIM

Mercury now offers power trim and tilt on its popular 35 hp outboard. Factory installed power trim provides the same performance and convenience advantages on this outboard as on higher horsepower models. Power trim improves acceleration and helps get a boat on plane quicker. It also means top-end speed advantages.

In making the announcement, Alan Castrodale, Vice President Marketing, said "No other manufacturer offers full trim and tilt for fishing and skiing rigs typically powered by a 35 hp engine." When Mercury first introduced power trim to the boating industry in 1966, the main consideration was efficient operation of large outboards. "Achieving optimum boat performance remains the key reason for power trim, from high performance engines down to the 35 hp," he said, "and, it has also become an indispensable convenience item for most boaters."

The tilt feature allows easy (one-finger) raising or lowering of the engine. The strong Mercury power trim hydraulic pump does all the work, taking the place of the boater's arms and back. The tilt position is especially important when trailering or launching a boat.

Power trim is a bonus when maneuvering through shallow channels, across sand bars or heavy vegetation. The 35 can be tilted above the normal trim limit and run in forward or reverse at idle speed.

Power trim is easy to understand if boaters remember that at normal running speeds the propeller shaft should be parallel to the surface. Some boats, however, obtain optimum planing attitude with the motor trimmed out slightly past this point. When trimmed out too far the boat will not operate efficiently.

Boaters should have their outboards "tucked" under (trimmed in) when starting. This forces the bow down and the stern up, and the boat pops up on place much quicker.

As the engine is trimmed out the bow rises and more of the boat clears the surface. With reduced drag (less friction between boat and water), the boat gains speed. Once on plane at wide open throttle, the outboard should be running in the middle of the recommended RPM range.

On the new Mercury 35, the power trim control button is on the end of

the throttle control. With one finger, the boater can trim the engine for best performance. The operator can easily adjust the engine for optimum boat attitude as boat load or water conditions change.

"Power trim definitely improves a boat's performance. That's why Mercury now offers their 35 horsepower model with this feature," Castrodale said.

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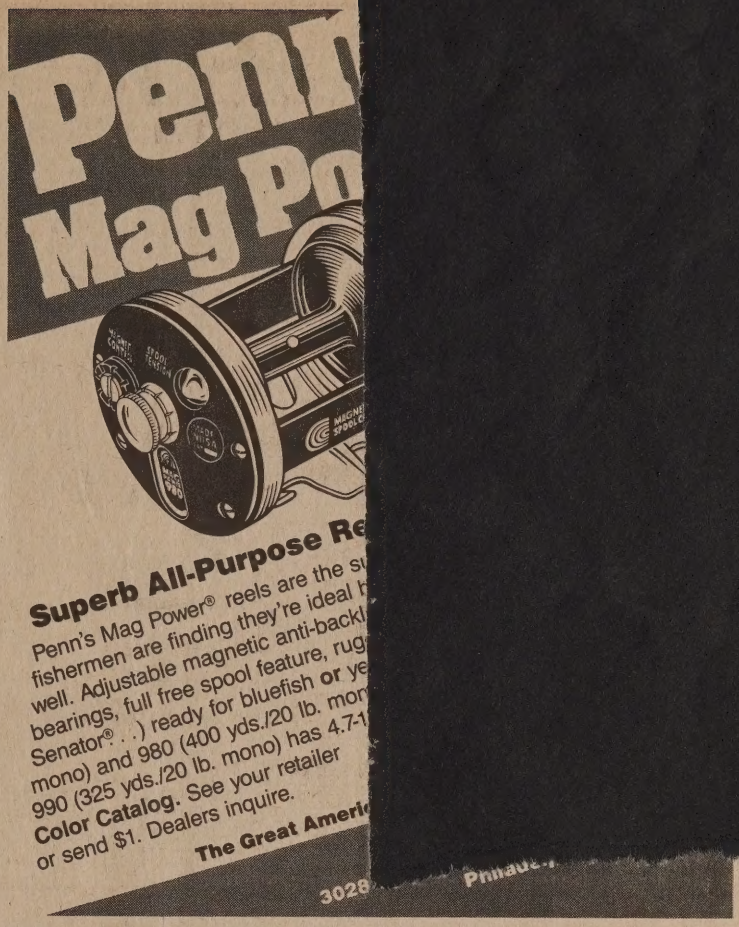
FLORIDIANS PONDER ANGLING LICENSE

Florida probably has more saltwater anglers, resident and tourist, than any other state. Its coastal zone is being developed as quickly as any, with an estimated 5,000 people moving to the Sunshine State everyday. If a saltwater fishing license can do all that is promised—give more political muscle to anglers and their interests and pay for badly-needed fisheries management and research programs—then no state needs one more than Florida. But up to the present, many of the state's sportsmen, maybe even a majority, have been skeptical about licensing, and legislative initiatives to establish one have been rapidly beaten into the ground.

As the spring legislative session begins, there is again serious talk of a license in Florida, perhaps prompted by new licenses in Maryland and Louisiana, which brings the tally to eight of 23 coastal states now with some form of system to license marine recreational fishermen. A bill is expected to be filed shortly in the legislature, and those on the scene give it an even chance of passing this year. The proposal being studied, and the one that will likely be introduced, would initiate a license by March 1, 1986; charge an annual fee of $7 for residents and one dollar a day for visitors; and exempt children under 16, the disabled and possibly senior citizens.

The most legitimate concern over licensing, one shared by opponents and supporters alike, is how the money will be spent. George Barley, chairman of the state Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC), says that under the plan being studied 70 percent of the revenues would go for resource development, management and research; 15 percent for law enforcement; 10 percent for short-term scientific studies by the MFC; and 2.5 percent each for education and administration.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LOWRANCE X-16

by Pete Barrett

Darrell Lowrance is very enthusiastic about his products and it only takes a few moments of talking to him before you find yourself all fired up about the latest electronics marvel he's showing you. I was perfectly happy with my old X-15 recorder, but five minutes with Darrell as he demonstrated the new X-16 at a Mako Marine Outdoor Writers Tournament last spring and I was sold—I had to try one.

A local marine electronics supplier had one in stock within a month and I soon had it mounted and ready to go. A year later I'm as enthused as Darrell. The X-16 is a remarkable graph recorder that marks fish and structure with sharp clarity and it's also very easy to use.

I mounted my unit to the right of my compass and verified that it did not affect the readings by having a compass adjuster test it. The front panel of the recorder swings forward to change paper, so allow sufficient room for this. The power cables require minimum space at the back but allow enough space for your hands to connect the power and transducer cables if you remove the unit after each use.

The left side of the recorder's front panel has a large display window for the four inch paper. The operating controls are at the right; the *On/Off—Sensitivity* knob and the *Grayline* knob are mounted on a common rotating shaft at the top right, the keyboard to the lower right.

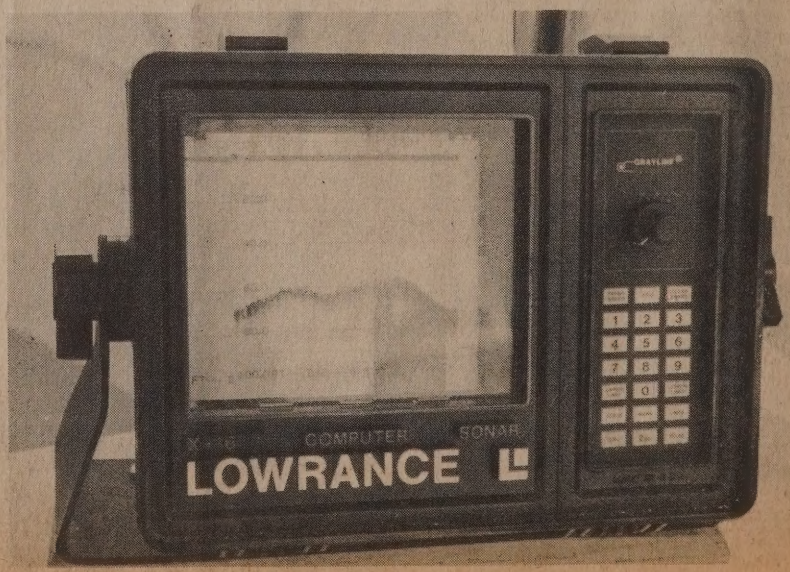
The *On/Off* knob obviously turns the X-16 on. It also functions as the *Sensitivity* control picking up weaker signals as the control "volume" is increased. The *Grayline* control is used to clarify readings of fish, structure or bait that may lie close to the bottom.

The keyboard has numeric keys to program number values for top and bottom scales, and additional pads that tell the recorder's computer what to do.

When first turned on, the X-16 will read a scale of 0-60 feet. To change to a deeper or shallower range press the numbers of the depth for the bottom reading, then the *Lower Limit* key. If you want to read 120 feet as the bottom line press (1) (2) (0), then *(Lower Limit).*

If more detail is needed near the bottom, to mark blackfish on a wreck for instance, alter the top line by pressing (6) (0), then *(Upper Limit).* The recorder will now read from 60 feet to 120 feet giving more detailed readings of the profile of the wreck and fish that are holding on it.

To eliminate interfering electrical signals, Lowrance has installed two systems that help produce clear readings. The discrimination control has five levels of tuning. To use it, press the level of noise rejection needed, (0) to (4), then the *(Disc)* keypad. The Disc key can also filter out interfering signals from a second transducer when another boat is fishing too close to you or if you use a



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Paper speed is controlled by pressing a number value from (0) to (7) and the *(Paper Speed)* key. When first turned on the speed is set automatically at 5. The 0 setting is the slowest; 7 the fastest.

The SCC keypad controls surface clutter and has values of 1 to 7. It tracks the top two-thirds of the readings, at whatever depth is programmed and does not interfere with bottom readings such as when reading bluefish deep on a ridge, or bass on a reef.

The Suppression system also reduces interfering electronics noise. It does this by a special circuit that tracks only the longer sound pulses of the transducer and eliminates or reduces the shorter noise pulses. To use the suppressor, press the desired amount of suppression from (0) to (7), the (2ND) key pad and then the (9) key pad. The suppression value will be printed on the bottom of the chart paper.

For more detailed use of the controls, we suggest you check with a Lowrance dealer or talk with a factory rep at one of the fall boat shows.

There are two transducer choices: an 8 degree cone angle for very deep water and a 20 degree cone for shallow water. Both transducers can be connected simultaneously via a switch box that allows the user to switch back and forth from either transducer.

Construction is high quality throughout. The casing is space age plastic that is virtually unbreakable and it is waterproof so the unit can be washed with a hose. Inside, all components are built to military specifications with materials like stainless steel and special fiber plastics chosen for their resistance to corrosion and wear. The X-16 I used all last year and this past winter has approximately 500 hours of use on it with no service problems.

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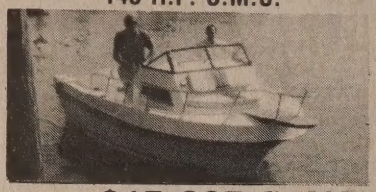

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am 13-years-old and love freshwater fishing but I would like some tips. How can you use dry flies in lakes for lake trout and other fish? How would you use jigs for crappies, sunfish and bass?

I know that in lakes to use bobbers, but how do you jig it? *James Ryan.*

Dear James,

You can use dry flies for most freshwater species but lake trout is not one of them due to the fact that lakers usually inhabit the deeper waters (they are normally colder than surface waters and lake trout need cool water to survive); the other species can be caught on dries. You can fish the traditional way with a regular fly rod or you can use flies with a spinning outfit by rigging one of those clear plastic floats which can be partially filled with water for additional casting weight. Most freshwater fish will grab a fly if it's worked slowly across the surface so it appears natural.

Jigs can be utilized for most panfish. Go with the lightest models 1/32, 1/16 or 1/8 ounce and make sure you work them deep and S-L-O-W. The secret, if it can be called a secret, to being a success at jigging is knowing how to work the lure slow enough to attract fish and that means as little movement as you can impart without allowing the jig to sit directly on bottom.

The only time you'll need a bobber is when using bait. The function of the bobber, or float, is to keep your bait from settling to the bottom where it can become lost in weed growth. Once the bait becomes covered with grass or other bottom debris, the fish will ignore it because it no longer looks natural to them.

You can substitute the plastic float (clear finish) and use a jig or other type lure with it. However, it is important to keep the lure moving if you hope to attract game fish such as bass or pickerel, trout or even crappies.

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Dear Doc,

Could you please help me. I recently purchased a depth finder/fish finder. It is used and has a flasher and paper recorder built into the unit. It's in excellent condition, but I would like to obtain the operations manual from the company.

That's where my problem exists: I can't find the address of the company. It is called *Unimetrics.* The recorder is a white line 500.

I know they still exist since many

The lightest of jigs fished slow and deep will take a toll on panfish.

marinas and pro shops carry their CBs, radios for boaters. No one knows the company address.

Ron Griffiths.

Dear Ron,

You are in luck. We do not know too much about the unit you describe, but we did locate the company's corporate headquarters and you can contact them directly for the manual you need and any other information you may desire concerning your recorder/flasher unit. The address of the company is: Unimetrics, Division of Uniden Corporation of America, 6345 Castleway, Indianapolis, IN 46250. I suggest you write directly to the Service Department and address your query to the Service Dept. Manager.

* * *

Dear Doc,

I seem to have a problem when I am drifting for fluke. I purchased some commercially tied rigs; you know, the ones that have a 3-way swivel, connecting snap for the sinker and a leader of about three feet which is tied to the 3-way and to the hook.

My problem is that these rigs are constantly tangling. The hook leader twists its way up the fishing line and I don't catch any fish because it does not look or act natural. Why does the leader wrap itself around the line? And, what can I do to stop it from tangling every time I try drifting for fluke? *Thoroughly disgusted in Leonardo.*

Dear Thoroughly,

Without seeing the rig you describe, I can only offer an educated guess. I would imagine you are fishing Sandy Hook/Raritan Bay and must assume you are working the deeper channels and dropoffs along the channel edges.

Those rigs should not tangle if the leader is of a heavy stiff material. We've used all kinds of rigs through the years and the only time we've had a twisting problem was when there was no drift to keep the line under constant pressure as it was dragged along by the drifting boat. You may be fishing a backwater eddy or some out of the current spot, which could account for your problem of line twisting.

You might try using a stiffer leader material; often that will keep the leader from twisting its way up the running line. Another suggestion is to check your baits. Strip baits that are cut on an angle or not fashioned into a tapered shape can spin when pulled along by the current and this will also cause a certain amount of line twisting. Try cutting your baits into neat tapered strips that are no wider than one inch at the end where you insert the hook, and if that does not straighten out the problem, try using a slightly lighter sinker so that even with a slow drift there's no chance of the sinker grabbing bottom and giving the line time to twist.

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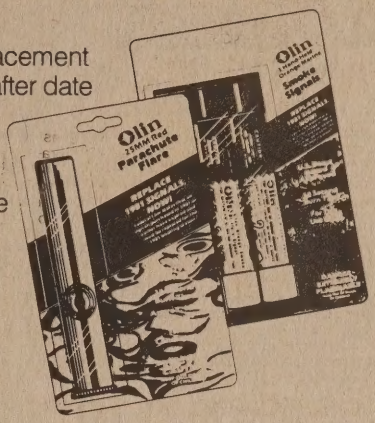

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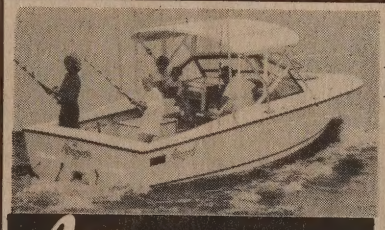

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE CAYRU

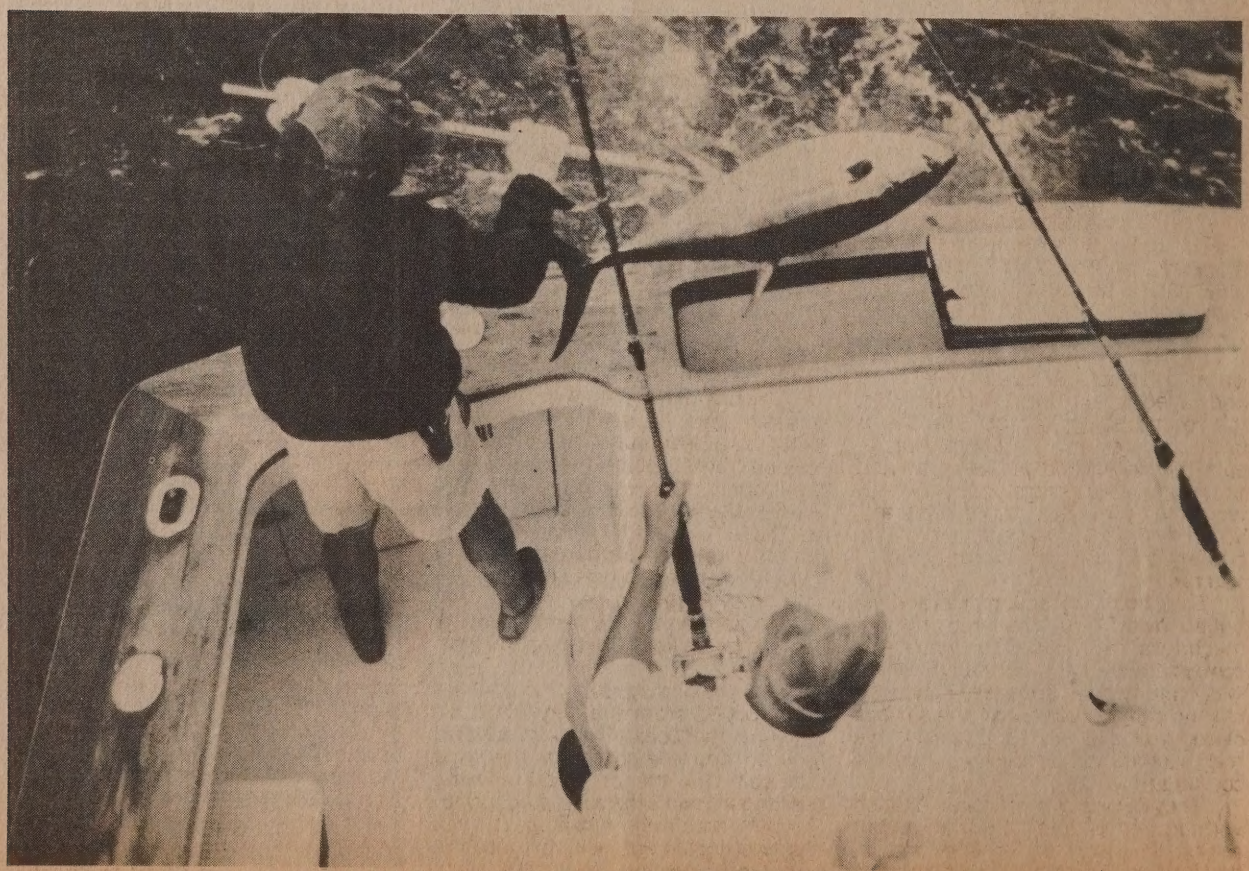
by John Raguso

This week's installment on the Brazilian freighter Cayru is unique when compared to the ten wrecks of this series which have preceded it. Whereas in previous weeks, the positions of the wrecks were known quantities, the Cayru is a sort of "ghost" in the sense that it's been reported at various locations and checked-out by both the Navy and the Coast Guard with negative results. Nobody except for a small handful of south Jersey charter captains and sport divers really knows where her final resting place is situated, and they're not exactly standing in line waiting to spread the good news. We're going to proceed on the basis of where its last known position was given and get into the history as to how it became one of the Jersey shore's most elusive shipwrecks.

This Brazilian ship was formerly the American freighter Scanmail. It was built in 1919 at the Hog Island facility and was sold to the Lloyd-Brasileiro line in December, 1939. Let's go back in time now to the events which caused the Cayru's untimely demise.

On March 8, 1942, the freighter steamed north along the Jersey Coast, just a few miles east of the 20 fathom curve which parallels the Garden State's barrier beaches. Darkness had fallen a few hours before, but there was still a faint hint of dusk on the western horizon. Suddenly and without warning, a torpedo struck the bow of the Cayru but failed to explode. The dull thud of the impotent fish slamming against the ship's hull alerted the crew that they might be under attack. However, before they could take evasive action, a second more potent tin fish ripped into the freighter amidships and exploded in a lethal shower of flying metal and high explosives, crippling the vessel and allowing the seas to pour in through the gaping hole at an alarming rate that would send her to the bottom within minutes.

As an aside, it's interesting to note that the failure of the first torpedo to explode was not an uncommon problem with U-Boats at that time. According to German Navy records, of the 14 to 16 torpedoes that each Mark VII type II submarine could carry, up to 30 percent were duds that failed to deliver their lethal cargo of TNT. What's amazing is that even with this three out of ten deficiency, 15 subs were able to sink 467 Allied ships during the first six months of World War II along our Eastern Seaboard, while losing only nine of their own craft. It's obvious that some



Husky school tuna are frequently trolled by those working in the vicinity of the Cayru.

"mother ships" were keeping their wolfpacks supplied with some heavy inventories of fuel and tin fish to let such a nominal number of boats absolutely terrorize Allied shipping with such impunity and frightening efficiency.

The Cayru was the fourth Brazilian ship know to have fallen victim to sub warfare off the Atlantic Coast in a three week period. The sinking of these four ships totalled 22,231 tons and this represented five percent of the entire available tonnage of the Brazilian merchant marine fleet. She was attacked in the same general quadrant as the Varanger or 28-Mile Wreck which was sunk about five weeks before, but about 15 nautical miles ENE of the Varanger's exact position.

Only a few days later the freighter Tolten and the tanker Gulftrade would also end their careers somewhat abruptly and unplanned, just north of where the Cayru was attacked, possibly by the same Axis sub and crew. It was a bleak time to be a merchant mariner, but the world was at war and the supplies had to get through to the front, no matter what the obstacle or the sacrifice.

According to an Associated Press report at the time, the Brazilian Government lodged a formal protest against Germany over the sinking of its ships by Axis submarines. It also took positive action against the aggressors by confiscating German property in Brazil for reparations, and placed stronger restrictions on the activities of German nationals in Brazil.

Those who were in the first group to be rescued from the Cayru were four passengers—all United States born, naturalized citizens of Brazil—and 22 members of the crew. They had drifted in a 26 foot lifeboat for 15 hours in some very heavy weather and adverse sea conditions before being picked up by a Norwegian ship the next day. In a New York Times report they told a dramatic story of their experiences, both of the actual sinking and of the rescue.

The first torpedo, coming without warning, struck the bow of the Cayru and failed to explode, they said, but the second hit amidships. The Cayru broke in two and began to sink at once. There was no confusion aboard the liner as the passengers and crew went to their assigned lifeboats, according to Mr. Jaegers, one of the passengers and a World War I veteran.

"Four boats were launched and we pulled away from the ship without much fuss," he said. "The water was comparatively calm at this time. It was quite dark and suddenly the submarine came into view on the surface close by. I could see it plainly. Two men seemed to be looking out of the conning tower.

"They called out in broken Engish with an unmistakable German accent asking the name of the ship and its destination. Practically everybody in the boat answered them. The submarine then went over to boat number 1, which contained the captain and asked if every one was off. After receiving an affirmative answer, they went over by the ship and sent a second torpedo amidships, right by the engine room. This blew the ship apart and it sank rapidly.

"The submarine circled our boats, and then disappeared. The sea was calm at first, but very shortly after we were in the boat, the wind blew up to gale force. We had rain, hail, thunder and lightning. The waves were terrible, they washed over the boat continually until we were all completely soaked and terribly cold.

"The bravest of the lot was the 15-year-old girl, June deSousa. She never let a peep out of her, nor complained from the time we were left in the lifeboat until we were rescued."

Mr. Jaegers said that the crew started to row and then rigged a sail, but the wind was so strong they had to lower it. As the sea grew rougher, he said, they rigged a sea anchor and finally the men had to take down the boat's mast to keep the tiny craft from capsizing.

After the first group of survivors was rescued from the Cayru's complement, the Coast Guard intensified their air and sea search in the hope that some of the other 59 missing passengers and crew would be found.

After enduring three days and nights of inclement weather, massive seas and freezing cold, six more members of the Cayru's crew were rescued by the U.S. Navy. Fifteen others who had started out in the same lifeboat as those who were picked up were not so lucky, as they succumbed to the hardships of the voyage. With the 26 other passengers and crew who were rescued the day after the sinking, the arrival of the second lifeboat brought the number of known survivors of the Cayru to 32 and the number of known dead to 15. Thirty-eight persons who left the Cayru in two other lifeboats were not accounted for and were presumed to have perished due to the harsh winter environment and accompanying mid-30 degree water temperatures.

The general vicinity around the Cayru is an area many south Jersey anglers frequently pass over when on their way to Toms, Berkeley and Carteret Canyons in search of big game fishing opportunities. It's about halfway to their ultimate destination, but they may be overlooking a fertile territory that's a lot closer to home port which would allow less travel and more fishing time to explore. The Cayru is alleged to rest in 22 fathom water, and the diversity of bottom formation immediately adjacent to her position is similar to the type of habitat which has been known to attract and hold pelagic game fish in other parts of the New York Bight. As in the fishing analysis suggested for the Varanger (28 Mile Wreck) a few weeks ago, fishing near the Cayru

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THE CAYRU
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: March 8, 1942
Length: Unknown
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 5,152 tons
Date Built: 1919
Depth of Water: 130 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 102 feet
Lat/Lon (last reported position): 39-05-00 N/73-47-00 W
Loran C (last reported position): 26721/42852 26723.3/42858.2

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would provide identical opportunities for early season mako shark activity, school tuna and white marlin later on in the summer and year-round codfishing. An enhancement to the Cayru would be the possibility of both yellowfin tuna and longfin albacore, presuming that the availability of forage and the water temperatures were suitable to support their existence, specifically in the 70 to 75 degree range.

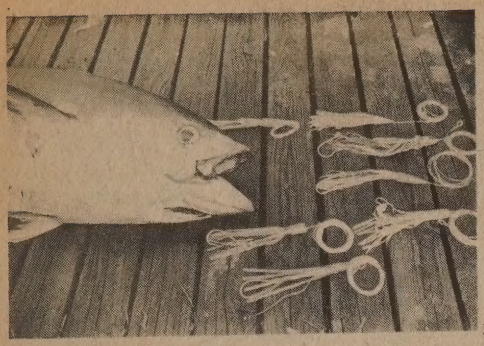
Many sport fishermen and divers have attempted to pinpoint the Cayru's exact location, but to no avail. This knowledge is secretly guarded by a handful of people, no doubt due to the fact that this is a "hot" wreck and produces a variety of pelagic gamesters, groundfish and gigantic lobsters with a high degree of consistency. Even the Navy and Coast Guard have come up empty in their endeavors to find the ghost wreck of the Jersey Coast. The following is an excerpt from a NOAA report concerning the whereabouts of the Cayru, conducted and submitted by a Coast Guard vessel: "...an area extending about 1¼ miles from reported position cleared to an estimated depth of 98-102' except for 1040'x400' holiday between strips. Holiday was reconned with fathometer. Wreck not found. Hydrographer recommends deletion since not found. Also fact that U.S. Navy and Coast Guard have searched for with negative results. Also recommend that no further search be conducted. Charted as a 17 fathom cleared spot.

"As of 1981, private diver has searched for six years with negative results. Says one man in area knew of location but died without disclosing."

Well, as you can see, the known position of the Cayru is such a closely guarded secret that some old salts are literally going to the grave without divulging the information. It sounds like something out of a spy thriller! However, there are two bloodhounds who are intensely and systematically pursuing the final resting place for this Brazilian steamship. Captain Dan Castellini, a noted diver from the Cape May areas, has been narrowing down the possibilities over the last few years and has reduced the search to a few qualified leads that he'll check out as the season unwinds. Captain Vic Galgano of Spider Lures is also hot on the trail and it's a toss-up as to who will strike the mother lode first.

In any event, if any of you readers out there would like to share your knowledge of the Cayru's whereabouts before you pass on to the next world, please feel free to write to me c/o The Fisherman Magazine and maybe we can spread the wealth with some of your fellow-constituents.

Next week we're going to cruise northward about 50 miles up the Jersey shore to the western reaches of the Mud Hole in search of a freighter that has been reported in at least three different locations: the wreck of the Lillian.



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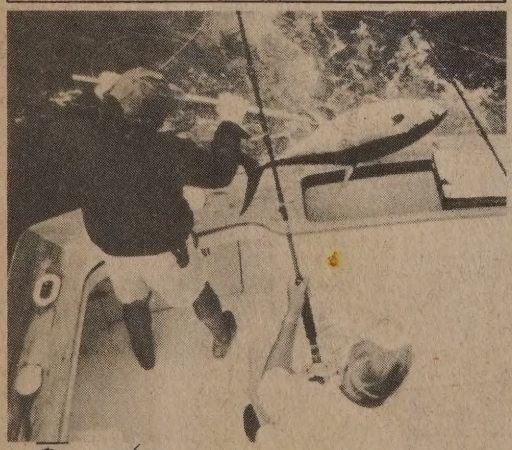

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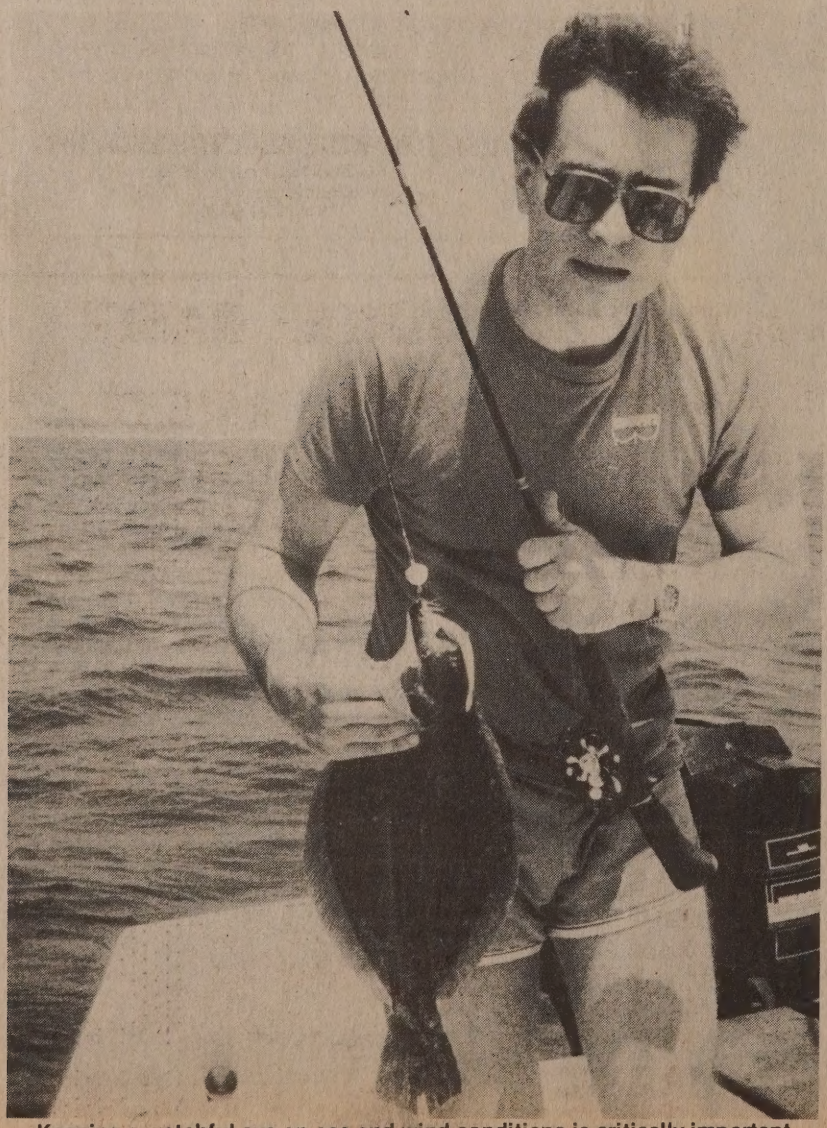
LOOK OUTSIDE FOR FLUKE

by Tom Schlichter

When bay fluking hits the doldrums, it's time to sample nearby ocean waters.

Bored with catching nothing but short fluke inside Moriches Inlet one steamy July day a few years back, I decided to set out some umbrella rigs and see if I couldn't scare up at least a few cocktail blues before I called it a day. The time was nearly 10AM and the sun was already high above the horizon. The tide was heading out, full force, and I reasoned that the fluke just were not going to feed until the start of incoming water. Most likely, the blues would be no more cooperative, but I'd give the green tubes a try for half an hour and then call it quits.

Dropping the rigs back behind the boat, I steered a patch along the west jetty and exiting the inlet, angled west along the front sand bar. After heading a few hundred yards down the beach with no response, I swung the boat around to an easterly course and began to drag my rigs across the back side of the bar and into deeper water. Having made the turnabout just a little tight, I glanced toward the stern to see if my line had hit bottom. Indeed it had and my rod tip now indicated that it was trailing across the sandy bottom. To rectify the situation and tighten the line, I gave the throttle a slight shot forward and glanced back to the rod again. The line was now off the bottom for sure, but the tip was still dancing. Quickly, I hopped to the back of the boat and set the hook. After a rather lame fight, I hoisted a 3 lb. fluke over the transom. It must have hit the tube while the boat was turning and the lines had dropped to the bottom.



Keeping a watchful eye on sea and wind conditions is critically important to small boatmen venturing "outside."

I continued on my path until passing the east jetty without so much as a bump and then, playing a hunch, cut the engine, reeled in the umbrella rig and dropped by fluke bait back over the side. It wasn't on bottom five mintes before I hooked up with another nice flattie. The wind was blowing from the east and pushed the boat perfectly along the oceanside of the sand bar for about a hundred yards. In that span I took another two fluke. Each was about 18 inches long. Three more fish in the next half hour, all keepers and it was time to head home. My cooler, however, was much more full than it had looked an hour ago and although a little bit late getting home, I felt good that I had been able to find a new fluke spot to keep in the back of my mind.

Every now and then, as the regulars can tell you, those Moriches Bay fluke decide to go off their feed. Most times it seems to be for no apparent reason and where you choose to fish will have little bearing on your scores, but there are times when crowds of fishermen probably have an adverse effect on the action. At other times, especially during late July and August, warm water temperatures may be the major culprit. At these two specific times, you may find much better action fishing in the 15 to 30 foot ocean depths directly outside the inlet. The reasoning is simple: less boat traffic and cooler water temperatures put the fish in a more cooperative mood.

Generally, by this time of year, the vast majority of fluke in the area are already inside the bay. A fair sized population of fish, however, remain in the ocean and are available to anglers who seek them out. These fish, although not as numerous as those inside the bay, seem to run slightly larger with the average about 17-18''.

For the most part, the action here is confined to directly in front of Moriches Inlet itself and about 100 yards east or west. The fluke stack up in the deeper water on the ocean side of the sand bar which is quite visible at this location as long as the tide is

running. Whereas the best fluke action inside the bay usually occurs on incoming tide, my best luck here occurs on the outoing. I imagine that this is because the flatties begin feeding as baitfish are swept out of the inlet and washed over the bar.

As far as tackle is concerned, there is little need to make any changes from the standard gear used by most fishermen when working the bay or inlet, save for keeping a few four ounce sinkers on hand to deal with the tide and deeper waters. A fairly limber 5½ to 7 foot rod and matching conventional reel filled with 15 or 20 pound test is ideal, but heavy spinning gear will also work. A #2 or #4 Sproat or Eagle Claw hook serves as the point of the matter, although I personally employ English wide gap style hooks. Standard bottom fluke setups with a two to four ounce bank sinker are the norm.

In the bait department, nothing beats small fresh or frozen snappers. Three to five inches in length are the preferred size. Impale your bait through the eyes and add on a long, tapered strip of fluke belly, squid or sea robin. Fish this dropback style, giving out 10 or 15 feet of controlled line when a hit is detected, before setting the hook. Of course, if you have no snappers, sand eels, spearing or killies will have to do. For the purist, salty dogs or other leadheads will produce, although these, too, can use a little strip of spice on their tails.

Try to concentrate your efforts in 20 to 30 feet of water for the best results. If you keep coming up with sand crabs at the end of your line, you're probably fishing too close to the bar. Move a little further out. Any deeper than 35 feet and the action dies.

Rental boaters should check with their livery stations before heading outside the inlet as some stations prohibit their rental boats from entering this turbulent area. If it is not allowed, rest assured that the rule is for your own safety as the boat you have rented is most likely not large enough to handle these waters.

A word of caution to anyone fishing this area: stay away from the breakers! They can be quite dangerous. Especially must care be taken on incoming tide when the current will pull you right over the bar if you wait too long to move back off. To get around the bar and begin your fishing, the safest route is to head either east or west after leaving the inlet, until you reach the end of the sand bar. Now just cross over and head back in front of the jetties to start your drift. Head home in the same fashion. Never attempt to cross the bar itself on an outgoing tide.

Remember to keep your net handy as an occasional doormat is reeled from this area and don't be surprised at all should you hook up to a bluefish or two. While the pace of the fluke activity here rarely matches that of the action inside the bays, it just may save your day if the conditions are right.

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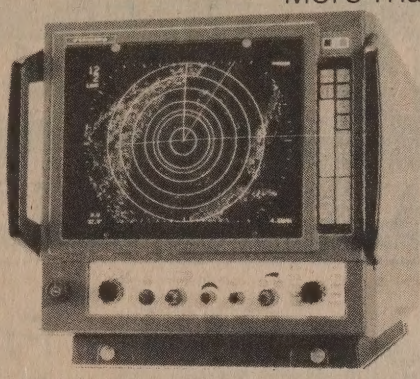

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MONTAUK'S SILVER STRAND

by Carl Buxbaum

This gentle north side beach plays host to some fine summertime action.

What are the makings of a good surf-casting spot? Fancy, technical answers abound, but in plain language it boils down to two things for most anglers: predictability and fishability. The good spot has established a record of successful fishing at a particular time, tide, and season. Alert casters can tip the odds in their favor, by being there under the best circumstances. Secondly, the terrain permits comfortable, long sessions: where a surf rat can solidly plant his feel, avoid taking waves in the chest and not get dunked. There are few places that pass this test better than the strip of shoreline running from Gin Beach to Shagwong Point, on Montauk's north side.

I'd been picking away at stripers for about three weeks, up front, near or at the Montauk light. Then, one late June night, I slid and scrambled my way through the rocks at Jones' Reef and listened to the spiked wader sandals clatter and crunch as I dragged my tired, soaked body to the buggy. Looking back at the water, a familiar scene was repeated. Tommy Sepp was beaching another bass. Having learned, long ago, that he can do that when no one else does, I decided not to submit to further abuse. Instead, I started wondering if fish were showing at Shagwong. I was fed up with bruising and twisting ankles in the rocks; not to mention the icy, early season water trickling down neck and chest, or from hands to elbows, every time my arms were raised to Cast. Easy, comfortable fishing was just a short drive away. But were the fish there, yet?

Weakfish and some stripers usually turn up along Gin Beach and at Shagwong during the first week of July. Sometimes, small blues and fluke also show in numbers. The action rapidly builds to a peak, lasting through the second or third week of the month. Then it tapers down to a slow pick with intermittent action packed nights through the summer. But the year before, a few guys found some hot, steady fishing there, with bass and weaks, by mid-June. They kept their mouths shut, and I didn't find out about it until too late. That wasn't going to happen again.

So, last season I moved to the north side early. Wouldn't you know it. Except for a few super short stripers, sundials, little blues and dainty fluke, things were pretty slow. But you should have faith in this area—once July rolls around. Everything broke loose in the middle of the first week. The fluke got bigger, the blues more abundant, some nice schoolie stripers, to 15 lbs., were picked; and most of all, the weaks moved in—hungry and bloodthirsty. It wasn't unusual for a caster to nail a half dozen weaks in short order, with a bass or two thrown in for good measure. There were some fantastic surprises, too. Sam Rispoli took a 35 lb. linesider on the night of July 6th, only to be outdone the next night by Steve Petri, Sr. With a superb demonstration of angling skill, he landed a 54 lb. 4 oz. cow on a fragile, 5½ inch Hellcat, at the end of 10 lb. line. Now, how's that for

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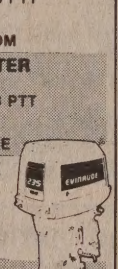

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By the end of the second week of the month, it was over. The hordes of casters gradually fell off until no more than 5 or 6 stalwarts really kept trying. It paid to hang in, so long as there weren't great reports from other beaches. Small bass, bluefish, fluke and an occasional weak could be picked all summer long.

Except for a small bluefish every so often and some fluke taken on bait or squid tipped bucktails, the daylight action is slow. The story changes dramatically at dusk, when weaks, bass and somewhat bigger blues and fluke emerge from the deep holes near shore and crash the beach—gobbling and gulping down anything edible in their paths. During the peak period, the whole surface sometimes erupts with slapping, slurping predators, screaming gulls and sprays of spearing and sand eels.

Action often slows shortly after dark, but if it was hot and heavy at dusk, smart casters hang in for an all night session. Right up to first light, the bigger weaks and bass will be cruising up and down this strip of beach. Sometimes they'll be out of casting range, but invariably they make frequent forays beachward, putting a bend in every rod along a 100 yard stretch. Some seasons these flurries are predictable. They occur at a particular spot, a specific time, or stage of the tide. It pays to keep your ears cocked and check in at Johnny's Tackle Shop for the latest info. Once a pattern is established, it usually holds until there's a major weather change, or the haul seiners and other commercial interests have depleted the stocks. When no pattern is evident, and the fish charge beachward randomly, fish with buddies. By fishing in shifts, alternating casting and resting, someone is always testing the waters. Once the first rays of yellow light peak over the eastern horizon, the most sought species head back to the depths. Anglers who keep casting, though, may find a half hour's entertainment with small blues, short stripers, and fluke.

We're talking about a long stretch of beach. It's a heck of a walk from the jetty at the end of East Lake Drive to Shagwong Point; especially in waders. Then, of course, you have to get back. The round trip's about 3½ miles. If you never wanted a four wheeler before, you'll lust for one now. Even if you have a beach vehicle, access is restricted to Suffolk County residents, since the entire area is within the boundaries of a county park.

But walkers shouldn't be discouraged. Motorized casters tend to gather at the eastern end of the stretch. They think that's the best area, and it probably is. Yet I've worked this beach for years and only recently invested in a 4WD (advancing age had a lot to do with it). According to my log, though, I took more fish per trip as a walker. On each outing I set out to join the gang congregated near the point, but hardly ever made it. No, I didn't drop exhausted. Rather, the hikes were interrupted by sounds not heard over the roaring, grinding and groaning of a vehicle—sounds of savage predators tearing into schools of forage, tight to shore. There was a curious pleasure standing waist deep in "unproductive" water, releasing fish because the stringer was already too heavy to drag back to the parking field; while vehicles huffed and puffed behind me. If they were cruising, I assumed, the occupants hadn't found fish. So, my otherwise envious view of wheels was notably diluted in the pool of emotions.

A great deal was learned from walking. First, although it sometimes happened, fish were rarely found in the westernmost portion; between the jetty and the commercial fish trap. When fish were there, it was almost always on the top of a flooding tide. The area just east of the trap is much more consistent. Again, high water seems best. Moving east, the fishing improves steadily, and the stage of the tide seems less important. There's a section of beach where metal fence posts are planted in the sand to mark the vehicle track. I've taken fish in numbers here; on any tide, all through the night, even when there were no encouraging signs. It's worth the time to **thoroughly** work the area from a couple of hundred yards west of the track markers all the way east to the first rocks protruding from the water. Even those driving will improve their catches by walking this area; which accounts for most of my interrupted hikes to Shagwong.

The rocky zones are special for two reasons. Many a night I was quite pleased with a catch of blues and a couple of weakfish, only to find out that the guys working the rocks to the east had bass and bigger weaks. Everyone knows stripers love rocks. Don't be afraid to run those plugs right next to them, and wade out far enough to drop your tempter into the swirling eddies formed beside the seaward end of a chain of boulders. The fattest, meanest weakfish join forces with stripers in those currents; so really work them. Let the tide swing your lure through the strike zones.

The second advantage of the rocks is that they repel the assaults of haul seiners. You can put money on it. Just when the fishing gets most consistent, you'll find the trucks and dories of seiners, poised and ready to strike, somewhere between the fish trap and the track markers. Once they've launched, the rocks remain a safe haven for fish and surf casters alike.

There's a deep hole just west of the curved, shifting sand bar at Shagwong Point itself. It's often filled with fish, especially on a rising tide. On any tide, its worth working over. I hauled a good number of small stripers and husky weaks from that hole, since getting motorized.

When the tide is dropping fast, I

like to move onto the bar at the point. It seems particularly good when the tide is bottoming out at dusk. The currents are treacherous here, and it's hard for a caster to keep his footing, except at low tide. So, I'm not sure if a bottoming tide is really best or it only seems so because that's when the spot gets the biggest play. Remember, I like this beach for easy fishing. Maybe a brave, athletic wet-suiter can add something to what the bar is like at other tidal stages. In any event, some of my best fishing was when I carefully pushed way out on the bar, laid a cast straight out over it and let the plug swing to the right on the falling tide. I took fish that way through August last year. They weren't very impressive ones, by and large, but I rarely got skunked.

In terms of suitable tackle, almost any standard surf gear will do. Many veteran casters stick with the big stuff: 11 foot rods, 2½ ounce darters, 7 inch loaded Red Fins, 2 ounce bottle plugs, big Bombers, and so on. They want to make sure that no fish pass beyond their reach. But the bait is small here, during the peak period. So, use a dropper to catch fish and the plug to get it out there.

This, however, is really light tackle country. Most casters prefer, and most fish fall for swimming minnow plugs—5½ inches or smaller. These are cast best on 10 or 12 lb. line with shorter sticks, say 8 or 9 feet. The reach remains limited, but these are calm waters and easy to wade. You can move out a fair distance. The fish are mostly in close, anyway. So close, in fact, that they've bumped by legs more than a few times, and I backed out to cast from shore. Also, since you're not fighting many real power-house fish against a raging surf, lighter tackle adds more fun and just seems sporting.

When confronted by stiff winds from any but a southerly direction, though, casting gets pretty tricky. That's when I resort to beefier gear. Lately, I still sometimes stay with the 8 footer and 10 lb. line. A couple of years ago, Johnny Kronuch showed me how a slowly retrieved tin, dressed with a white tube tail, can be lethal after dark. Compared to the minnow plus, a one ounce version casts like a bullet on the light outfit. I've found it hard to work slowly enough from the buggy track markers east, where there are weed beds and rocks. But it's just fine along the sandy sections to the west.

So, if you want to get in on some of the best kind of surfcasting—easy on the fisherman and tough on the fish—hit the Gin-Shagwong strip during the first two weeks of July. Keep tabs on it. Two years ago the weaks hung in through much of August. You might want to try again throughout the summer, if things seem slow elsewhere.

One final tip! Montauk area fish seem to love yellow. Why? That's anybody's guess. Just be sure to bring along a yellow Hellcat.

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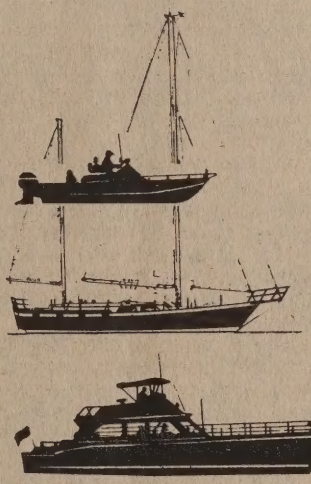

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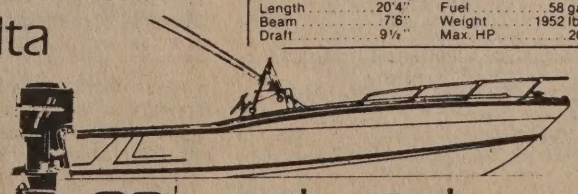

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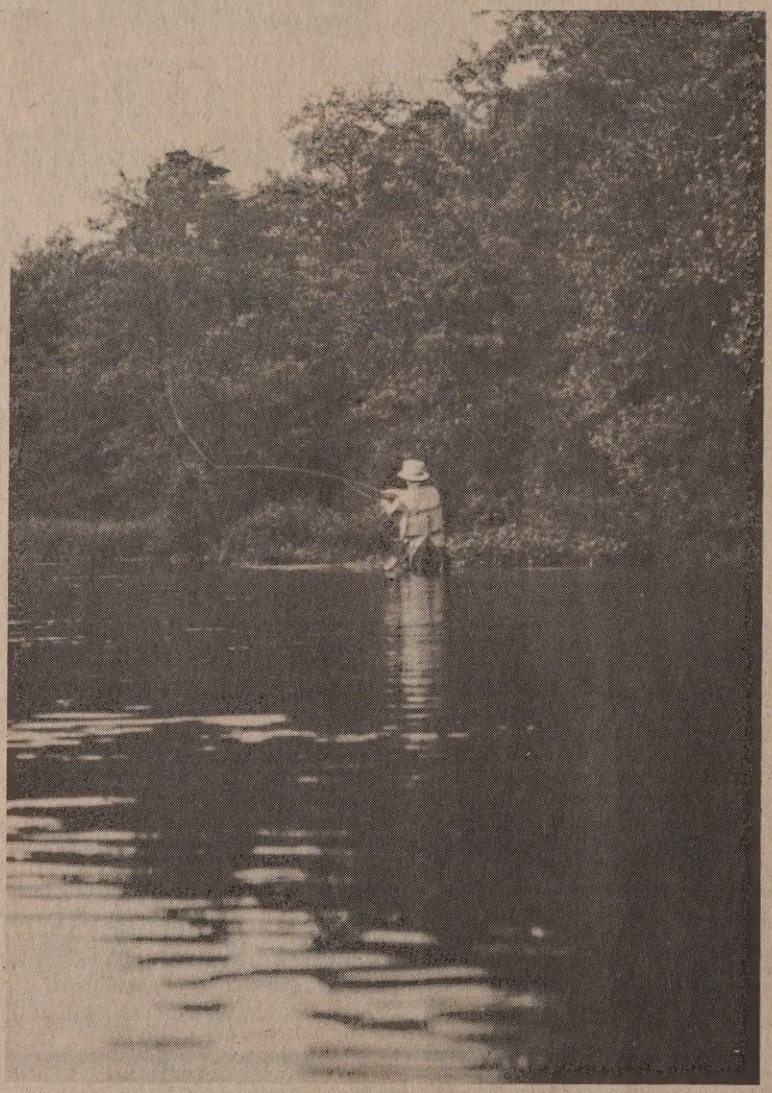


Less heralded than the Connetquot, Carman's River holds its own as a steady trout producer.

With the rising sun I slipped into the slowly moving river through the marsh. Silently I approached the river proper, slowing more and more as the water deepened; being extremely careful not to disturb the sediment that would, in turn, frighten the fish. With each step I looked down the river surveying the surrounding shoreline that was shrouded in small white clouds that drifted along with the current. Small cyclones danced across the surface of this small Long Island stream causing great commotion to a few water boatmen that were skating across the pool while at the end of the reach something swimming under the surface had left a V wake that became almost invisible after only a few seconds.

Looking up through the mist that was burning off the river I saw an osprey gliding toward the south in search of breakfast. Suddenly to my right a muskrat darted out of the water and shook himself off on a nearby island. Though only a few rods length away, the muskrat was not aware of my presence and soon he was back in the water leaving only his footprints and a small V wake behind.

The river comes alive around eight o'clock and so I waited for the birth of a new day looking and watching as the sun rose higher above the hillside. I noticed a scarlet tanager hopping from branch to branch in a nearby hemlock while two swallows zigzagged in the sky above. Suddenly, shafts of light began to penetrate the thick foliage of the streamside and with the sun's warmth came the first hatch of the morning.

One by one little grey flies began to appear over the stream and my attention was quickly directed toward a strange noise that was coming from the tail end of the pool. Trout had begun to feed on the emerging flies as they drifted downstream and as the flies would be sucked under by the trout, a characteristic plopping noise could be heard.

To a trout fisherman this noise causes momentary shortness of breath accompanied by rapid heartbeat and hallucinations resembling Moby Dick sized trout. Symptoms of this strange disease are also common among offshore fishermen and upland game hunters especially when two dogs go to full point or when the calm of an August afternoon is awakened by the snap of an outrigger clip moments before the reel begins to whistle Dixie. Eyes grow wide, nervousness sets in and muscles tense as action is sure to follow. Birds will launch themselves from the bush; a mako or marlin will rocket from the surface as the hook is set and the trout fisherman will choose the proper fly and begin to cast.

The hatch was of "Iron fraudator" so I immediately tied on a dark Gordon Quill #16, sprayed it with flotant, put leader sink on the tippet and began to false cast toward the target. Six feet above the trout I let the fly land as the current straightened out the S curves in the line. With a diminutive plop, the fly was gone and now my reel was whistling Dixie as the trout drove his way toward a patch of Elodea.

As I applied pressure to the line the trout leaped from the water, reentered and began to run to the tail end of the pool. After a 30 foot run, I turned him around and began to gain on him. With net in hand, I reached toward him holding the 7½ foot flea rod high overhead, but my actions were a bit premature. Out came the trout; down came the rod. In went the trout; in went my hat. As the fish raced away he jumped once again doing a 180 degree turn in mid-air and hit the surface with his tail thrashing wildly from side to side. Luckily the fly was still hooked in his upper jaw and after another good run and two

more jumps, I finally brought him to the net just in time to watch my hat float majestically over the falls and down the stream.

"Hats can be replaced," I thought, "but you, my little friend, cannot."

So I lowered the 15 inch brown trout back into the water, let him regain his equilibrium and set him free.

Since I was a boy I have fished the Carman's River in Yaphank and have always admired its wild surroundings. The river is born in the marshes of Middle Island, flows through Upper and lower Lakes in Yaphank and ends as a tidal estuary in Bellport Bay. Once the exlusive hunting and fishing preserve of the Suffolk Club, the Carman's River is now part of South Haven County Park and has over two miles of trout stocked river set aside for fly fishing only.

To fish the river one must use flies only and obtain a daily pass at the boathouse for $1. You can get to the river by any one of the seven access points located along River Road which runs north and south with the river from the Long Island Expressway to Sunrise Highway. Once you are on the river you are free to fish in either direction showing courtesy, of course, to any other fishermen you encounter. There is a three fish limit and all the trout kept must be over nine inches in length. Reservations are not accepted and all fishing is done on a first-come, first-served basis. The park opens at 5:30 and closes at eight. For additional information, you can contact the boathouse at (516) 286-1040.

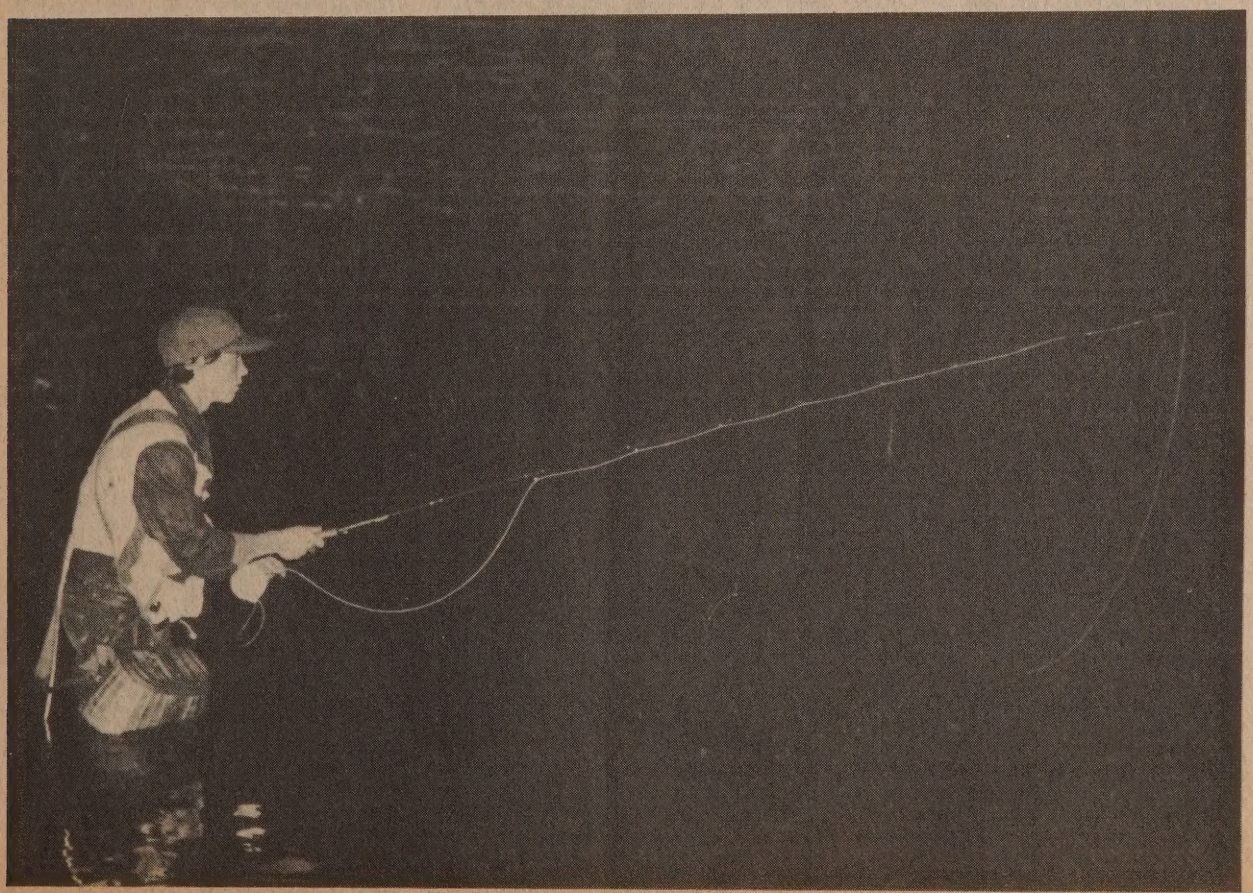
Hatches on the Carman's River are many and varied and occur throughout the season. The first of the major hatches is the Iron Blue Dun in April followed by the Blue Winged Olive. The Quill Gordon and Hendrickson hatch in May and early June and t he Green Drake emerges in late June and early July. Midges are always abundant after April and smaller flies #16 to #20 are the rule on the Carman's throughout the season.

Some of the best fishing on the Carman's occurs in late August and early September when the blueberries are ripe for picking and an enormous hatch of caddis flies fills the air like a snow storm. These flies, tied on a #16 hook with laid back wings, a cream colored body and hackled with blue dun, prompt immediate strikes from fish that are feeding on the naturals. Once, in a two hour period I caught and released ten trout measuring up to 14 inches on this pattern.

For the nymph fisherman the months of August and September are a special time to catch large browns that normally refuse the dry fly. When the river becomes choked with vegetation, large trout feed voraciously on Scud, a type of grass shrimp, and refuse anything presented on the surface. Translucent shrimp imitations tied on #16 and #18 hooks are effective on these monsters if kept from becoming fouled in the grass.

Though not as important as May flies or shrimp in the trout's diet, terrestrials or land born insects, do initiate a sttrike from time to time on larger trout and brookies. Grasshopper, bee and beatle imitations in sizes 10 to 10 can fool even the most wary trout when fished close to the bank.

If you choose to fish the Carman's River make it a day's outing. Along the river there are many duck blind platforms that make an excellent place to sit and eat a packed lunch and eating a good meal will always make for a more enjoyable fishing trip. While you are dining keep your eyes on the river for rising trout; remember, in trout fishing patience is most important and knowing exactly where to put the fly is even more important. Please take the time to clean up any debris that you come across because the Carman's River is a very fragile environment that is immediately affected by pollution. Do the river a good turn and it will do you one. The only thing that should go "plop" in the river is a trout; not a beer can and the only thing you should leave behind is your footprints. Oh yes, if you happen to come across a light brown cap floating in an eddy by the streamside, there is a small black fly stuck on the visor that is deadly on trout. Consider it yours and happy fishing!



Fishing after dark often produces larger, more wary trout.

THE WAY IT WAS

by Matt Ahern

Our resident "old timer" remembers what it was like fishing from shore more than half a century ago.

Most of the Old-Timer tales I've written have dealt with party boat fishing as it was in the so long ago. There's been several on rowboat fishing, but seldom have I mentioned the enjoyment of shore fishing in the happy days of my youth.

Lately, however, readers have been writing letters and asking "How come?" Just a lapse on my part, fellers—not to mention being a little slow on the draw. Sure, I did a lot of shore fishing in those carefree days of 60 or more years ago. And this isn't counting the scores of visits to Sheepshead Bay and Canarsie with various boyhood chums such as Artie Leidecker, Aaron Feldman, and Jimmy Anderson, whom I've written about over the years. It was from these fishing spots we learned to catch snappers, yearling mackerel and lafayettes.

All of which brings me to Coney Island's Steeplechase Pier.

There's no doubt every local fisherman has heard of this pier. Just how good the fishing is there today, I don't know; I haven't fished there in years and years. But when I was a kid Steeplechase Pier was indeed a popular spot. From my home in Brooklyn it only cost a nickel on the BMT and elevated lines to get there—the walk to the pier meant little, even on blustery winter evenings. I don't recall being skunked, ever; but sometimes during summer I'd have to settle for sea robin, dogfish and seaweed catching. But for a fish-happy kid, it was fun enough.

I'm sure Steeplechase Pier went out farther in those days than it does now, or at least the fishing area did. A fire during the time I used the pier destroyed much of the good fishing area. There was always talk about rebuilding, but if it was done, I don't know, for soon after I found other fishing areas more to my liking.

However, at the time I fished Steeplechase Pier, a guy could catch fluke in summer (which I never succeeded in doing, try though I did), and ling and whiting (mostly whiting) on winter nights. I heard rumors of cod being caught on cold January nights, but I never saw one taken or knew a fisherman who did.

There was only one trouble with fishing Steeplechase Pier. It was always crowded, especially during whiting runs. If you wanted the best fishing spots (which was always near a light), it was often necessary to arrive in late afternoon. One time Artie suggested we do this. As luck would have it, it was one of those brass monkey days and the night was worse. We shivered and shook, but we figured, what the heck, as soon as darkness came, we'd have it made. And we would have too, except that the light was out on the lamppost Artie selected. Even today, when Artie gets out of hand, I remind him of the light that failed. Takes the spunk right out of him.

Anyway, even when the lights came on, there were times when the fish didn't begin to feed until nine/ten o'clock. And sometimes when the bait fish found a better feeding place, it meant no fish at all that night. But most nights we did okay, and when the fish began to move in (mostly whiting, with a scattering of ling), everyone did okay. Double and triple headers on whiting were common and there was never a bit of trouble filling a sack. These fish were never large, maybe a half pounce apiece (maybe), but once in awhile, someone would nail a two pounder to sort of add zest to the game. The ling were larger on average—about two pounds.

Often, though, we would forsake the pier and fish from one of the nearby rock groins. Here we had an easier time of it as far as waiting out the fish was concerned. One could arrive any time after dark and still select a good spot. This was because to fish a rock groin at night was dangerous and one had to keep one's wits sharp.

The rocks were weed festooned and slippery, and if the night was cold enough there was the hazard of skim ice coating everything. Even a flashlight wasn't of much use. And then, too, you had to keep an eye on the weather, especially if there was a wind from the south, coupled with a rising tide (which made the best fishing). It was then easy to become trapped on the outer reaches of the groin—the tide comes up mighty fast when a guy is busy catching fish. However, even with this hazard, there was no dearth of dedicated fishermen willing to risk it.

But like all good things, they must eventually come to an end. One night I was on one of those groins with Jimmy Anderson and two other kids. Jimmy and I should have stood in bed, as the saying goes. We only had fish on our minds, but those other two characters were interested only in horseplay. Just when the fishing was getting hot, one of those two smart alecks slipped, fell between the rocks, and broke his leg.

That was the end of the good fishing that night. It was also the end of my nocturnal ventures to Steeplechase Pier, for when my parents heard about it (not from me, you may be sure), I was forbidden to fish there again.

But the fishing used to be pretty good in Coney Island.

Manhattan Beach.

Ever fish there from the rock sea wall? I used to and there was no trouble catching fluke, sea bass, blackfish and porgies—even stripers and weaks for those fellows who knew what they were doing. Today, I'm told, there is a high fence running along the length of the sea wall and fishing is not permitted; but in those days I write about, there was no fence and the area was open to all fishermen. Surprisingly, few fished it. I don't believe there was ever more than a half-dozen fishermen along its entire length on any given day.

I was in my early teens when I fished Manhattan Beach, but as I became older, I began to seek greener pastures. And one of these was Island Park. Here, the fishing was always good—especially anywhere from the banks of Schaeffer's Creek. It was just about impossible not to get action.

When I first began to fish here, my buddy Nick Hauck and I used to take the Long Island Rail Road to the Island Park station and walk to the creek. But when I reached 18 years of age, I got my driver's license and bought a used 1930 Chevy. There was no stopping us now! Rain or shine, we fished Schaeffer's Creek every Sunday—and as many days in-between as we could manage.

Close by one of the better fishing spots we had on the creek stood a private pier which jutted out about 20 feet into deeper water. Nick and I had had our eyes on it for a long time. We had noticed that, except for boating and swimming during summer, it was never used by the owner or his family. Best of all, it was set in an ideal location as some of our largest flounder and fluke came from a deep hole directly out front of the structure, an area we often found difficult to reach when casting from shore. (This was before spinning tackle was even a

gleam in some European fisherman's eye.) It was also quite likely that the hole contained a shrimp bed, as every fish we caught from the immediate area was packed solid with shrimp. Our captured fluke would often spew them out on the bank.

Nick was all for using the pier without first seeking permission, but this didn't set too well with me. For all I knew, the fellow who owned the pier might very well own the land we were fishing from and give us the old heave-to. Let sleeping dogs lie, I figured. And our fishing continued along these lines for some time. But one day, the owner showed up to do a little plank repairing and we broached the subject. Sure, the owner said, we could use it whenever we wished; it was okay with him. Just be sure to clean up before we left. This was the only stipulation. Oh Happy Day!

If you'd like to know how we felt that day we were given permission, imagine that right now you have an easily accessible private fishing pier, one that produces each time you fish it—without fail. And because of that now easily reached shrimp bed, you had a captive audience. It was the closest thing to fishing in that proverbial barrel I'd ever heard of. Over the years, we caught hundreds of fluke and thousands of flounder from that pier.

But as I mentioned before about the whiting fishing at Coney Island, all good things must come to an end. One early November morning I arrived at the pier all set to do a number on the flounder population. I was shocked by the sight that befell my eyes.

Nailed to one of the pier's posts was a newly erected sign which stated in crimson letters: **No Fishing...Private Property....Keep Off!** I actually felt as if I had entered another world, so unexpected was this glaring forbiddance. It was my first experience with what is today quite common. I had that sinking sensation experienced by all brethren who have encountered this calamity since.

I immediately went to see the owner. I knew where he lived now and we had been on pretty good terms over the years. Maybe, I told myself, just maybe, he would make an allowance for me. But it was no use. And after I had been told why the sign was erected, I really didn't blame him in the least.

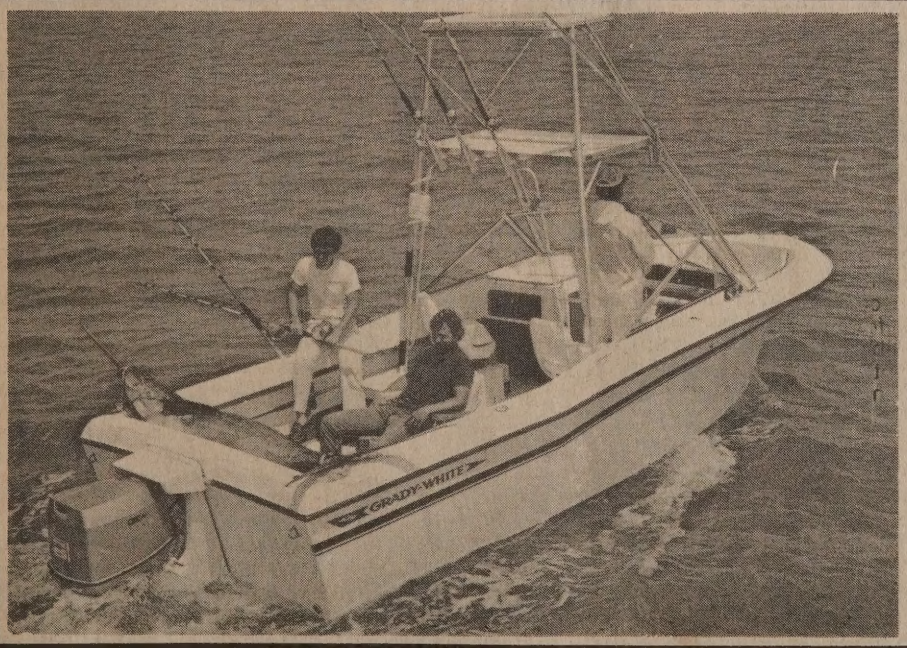
It seemed that sometime during the previous week, one or more fishermen had used the pier and instead of cleaning up before leaving, he (or they) had left behind a litter of crushed spider crabs, dead trash fish, long-dead horseshoe crabs, broken glass (?), plus globs of seaweed. This in itself wasn't too bad, the owner said, as he could have overlooked it had that been all that had been done. But newly-installed planking had been ripped up and used to fuel a fire on the bank. That, said the owner, was a bit too much. I couldn't argue with that.

Of course, I did a lot of pleading, hoping against hope that the owner would change his mind. (When I look back upon that day, I believe I must have come close to groveling.) But this fellow had had it with fishermen in general. To this day, I hold no ill feeling toward this gentleman, for I understand how he felt. But I've never forgiven those so-called fishermen who ruined some good fishing for me and my buddies—though more than 50 years have passed since then. I still feel, the less said about them, the better.

There were other shore fishing spots which produced for Artie Leidecker, Nick Hauck, and me; some good, some not so good. Several spots on the Long Beach side of Reynold's Channel, between the railroad trestle and the bridge and close by the old dog pound, were good producers. If you were good at casting, you could expect fluke and flounder, and sometimes a kingfish or two—with zillions of blowfish in May.

For blackfish in late spring and early fall, we used to fish near Oceanside's oil docks. We never caught large fish here, but one pounders were quite common. Perhaps it is still producing, perhaps it is restricted; I don't know.

But all in all, trials and tribulations notwithstandin, shore fishing was pretty good during my early days. Good enough to wish I had them back.



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LIGHT TACKLE SHARKING

by Lou Truppi

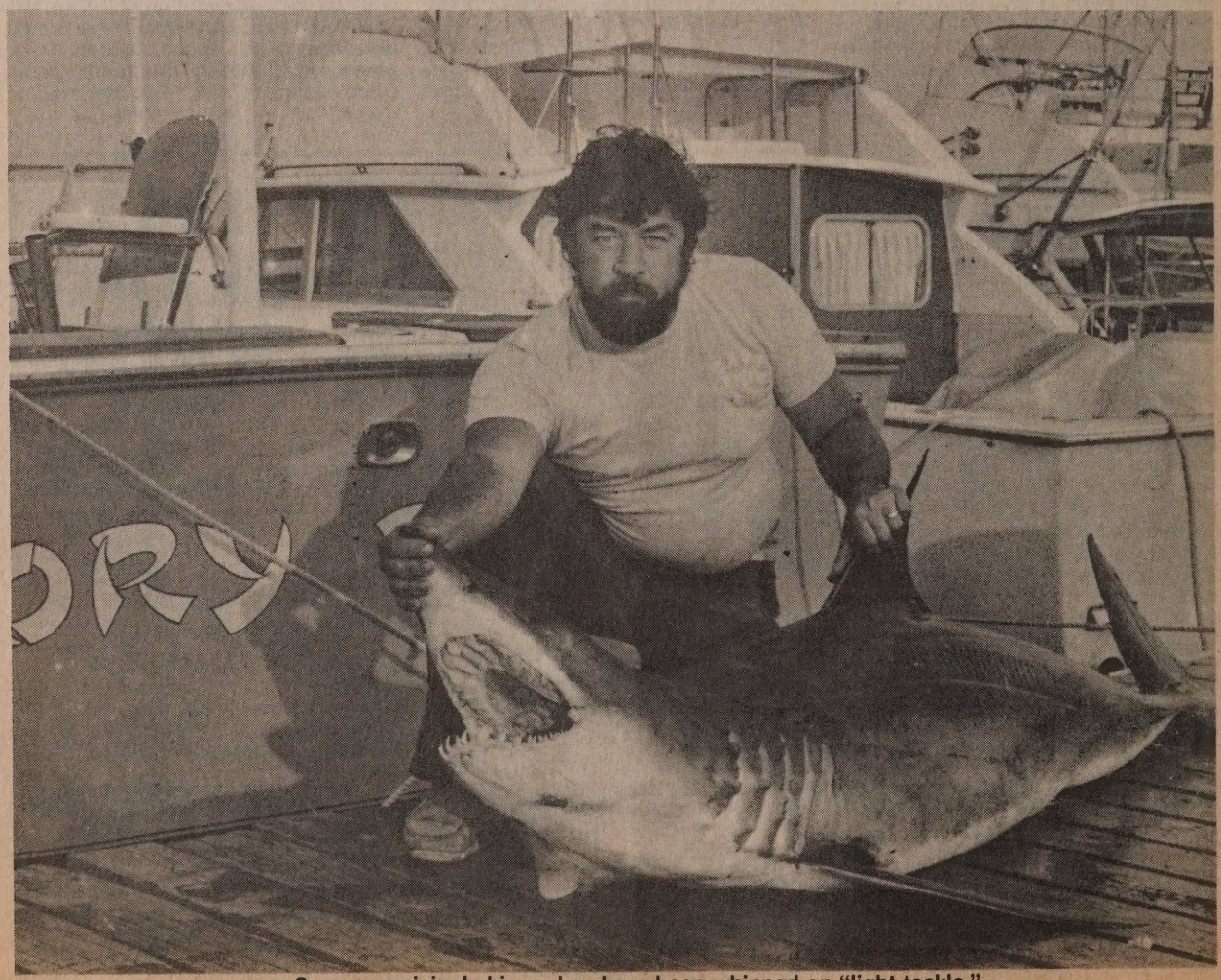
Most sharks taken over the course of a season can be handled easily on relatively light tackle.

Except for the occasional really huge shark that is taken, most shark anglers agree that the percentage of sharks boated weigh under 200 lbs. Landing the smaller species on heavy tackle leaves a lot to be desired. When fighting these fish on heavier tackle, it's not only cumbersome for the angler, but surely doesn't leave the shark with much room to show his surly fighting abilities.

The largest shark I've ever witnessed landed was a 528 lb. tiger shark which a buddy took on 50 lb. class tackle. The fight lasted for 45 minutes and at no time did it appear the angler was under-geared. In fact, the tackle functioned admirably. Shortly after, I shifted my tackle to include 30, and even in some cases, 20 lb. class. Some instances we even broke out the spinning tackle. The only significant changes I fostered was to step up the line sizes. For instance, I would install 30 lb. mono on my 20 class outfit, while my 30 lb. outfits would be spooled with 40 or 50 lb. line.

My encounters with makos weighing in excess of 300 lbs. and others proved to be no problem for the light outfits. The rods, line and reels proved more than sufficient. One category that I wouldn't fool with would be the terminal tackle end. By this I'm referring to the swivels, leader and hooks. Other factors will make themselves evident when it comes time to land a good size shark if you choose to fudge on terminal tackle. Though not considered a spectacular fighter, most sharks can be classed as very durable opponents by virtue of their tenacity. This often becomes very evident at boatside. While at the fight's onset, the fish, depending on size, may strip several hundred feet of line. The real touchy situations tend to occur boatside. Therefore, the durability of your terminal setup can make or break your day right here. To counter this situation, I rig accordingly with all but the lightest tackle.

My overall leader length is at least 15 feet. I double my line either by splicing the dacron or by doubling the mono via a Bimini hitch. The line is



Some surprisingly big makos have been whipped on "light tackle."

then twisted to form an offshore swivel knot when connected to a 400 lb. ball bearing swivel. The other eye of the swivel receives the butt end of 400 lb. brown cable, which is then crimped. I make this heavier butt cable at least 5 ft. long. The other end is again crimped to the eye of another ball bearing barrel swivel which forms the center of the leader. From here I twist on a 10 ft. piece of #12 single strand brown wire. The hook is, of course, added to the other end of the wire via another haywire twist. I've settled on size 9/0 to 10/0 brazed ringed eye big game hooks sharpened by triangulation for sure penetration. This type of leader arrangment serves a twofold purpose. First, it enables the light tackle angler the latitude to land all sharks hooked without having to worry about leader failure through contact with the abrasive bodies. Secondly, most sharks become abusive in close to the boat. The leader set up I've devised allows the wire man to grab the heavier 400 lb. leader to ensure a solid grip. Though most sharks are not leader shy, my leader permits the hook leader to be any size the angler wishes. As I've pointed out before, I feel this setup removes most of the trouble spots a light tackle sharker might encounter. In essence, the leader is the same most anglers would use on 50 or 80 class tackle. The exception here are the light lines and rods now connected to this terminal tackle.

If you choose to go the ultra light route and tackle these fish on popping or spinning equipment, then some modifications are in order.

What I do first of all, is keep the leader's length the same 15 ft. I change the hook size and leader strength to be more in line with the lighter tackle. In most cases, I maintain the same leader design, but now install 150 lb. cable for my butt leader. I also follow through and install a 150 lb. barrel as my midpoint swivel. To this I now add size 8 single strand wire and a 7/0 hook. Bear in mind you must at all times balance out your tackle. In this case, you would find it exceedingly difficult to drive home a 10/0 hook in a shark's bony mouth with a light spinning outfit. On the other hand, a smaller hook coupled with the new leader setup will allow the light rod to function to its fullest without overtaxing the outfit. In actuality, you can go as light as your angler's proficiency will permit. Although in many instances, your light outfit will be spooled with 20 lb. mono, you'll be pleasantly surprised a the size sharks you can land. Remember, the critical point is not your outfit's capabilities, but rather the terminal end. The leader will probably make contact with the shark's body and will play an important role in wiring the fish boatside and eventually landing the shark.

Practice will provide suitable techniques, but believe me, this type of approach will have you talking about the shark as a formidable game fish.

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HORTON'S POINT FLUKE

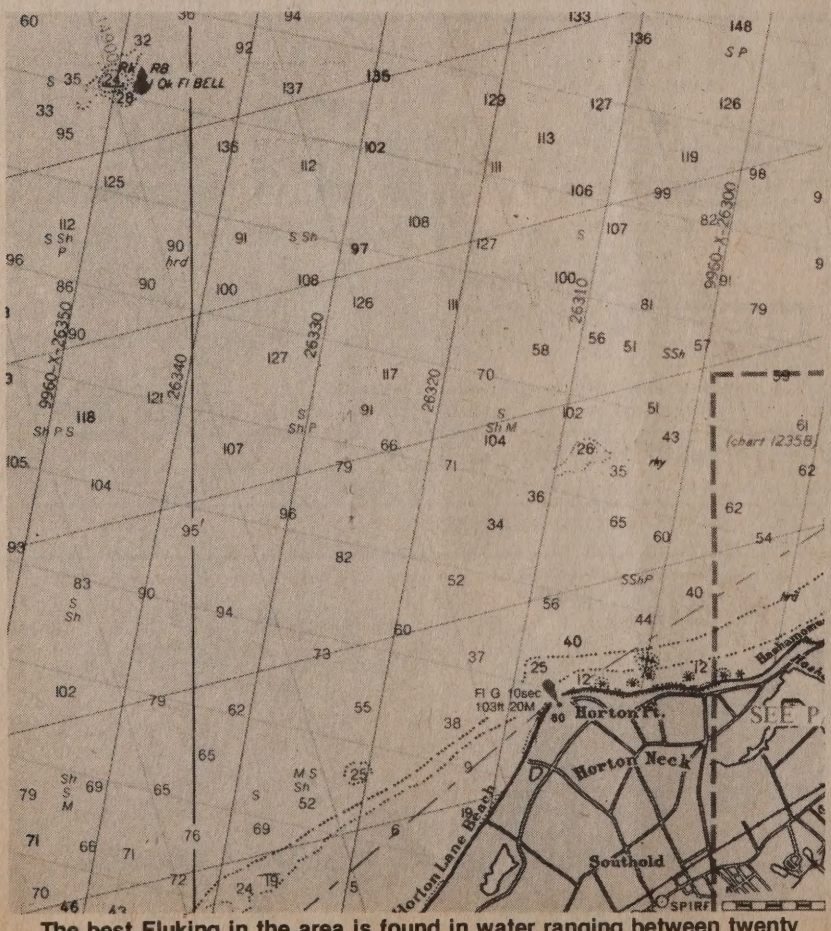
by Wally Powell

Last year I wrote an article about fluke fishing in the area of Mattituck Inlet on the Long Island side of the Sound. Well, last year we did fish this area, but the fluke fishing left a bit to be desired. We did catch our share and some were decent sized, 3 to 4 lbs., but the fishing seemed to be off as compared to the season before. So after a few so-so trips, it was time to move on and explore new spots, hoping for more action and increased catch.

Fortunately, we didn't have all that far to go. We moved a bit east to Horton's Point. I had read in the New England Fisherman fishing reports that fluke were to be had in this area. Having never fished this area, we decided to give it a shot and I'm glad we did! A point I'd like to emphasize is, just as in flat fishing, if you fish an area and give it a decent try, if it doesn't produce, you have to move on and try new territory! Otherwise you're going to be wasting a lot of valuable fishing time with minimal results.

For those of you reading this article and are not too familiar with this area as I was last year, it is east of Mattituck Inlet on the Long Island side of the Sound. It can be located on navigational chart #12354. It is almost directly opposite Westbrook on the Connecticut side of the Sound. Also sitting on top of the bluff at Horton's is an abandoned lighthouse. Once you have located this structure and area, you're in fluke city. For those of you who have Loran, the numbers are 14886 and 43925.

Last year, Horton's Point really produced some decent numbers and nice sized fluke. Hopefully this year, this area will once again be holding the fluke population. When fishing here for fluke, right in front of the lighthouse is a small series of rips, the water depth here runs about 20 to 40 feet, go any deeper and you off the fluke. When fishing these rips try to stay in the 25 to 35 foot range. It was our experience last year that the fluke pulled out of these rips were nice size, but there weren't many of them. We had our most successful days and increased catches when we fished just west of the lighthouse along Horton's Lane beach in about 20 feet of water on a moving tide. As long as the tide is moving, incoming or outgoing, you should meet with fluke success, if they are there this season.



The best Fluking in the area is found in water ranging between twenty and forty feet. Fluke are rarely found beyond the forty foot mark. A graph recorder can be a real asset here.

Now down to the fishing end of things. When fluke fishing the way to go is by sinker bouncing while drifting. Drifting enables you to cover more fishing territory. The rods we use are light to medium action, equipped with either spinning reels or the conventional type reels such as Penn Jigmasters and Daiwa Mag Force. The lighter you go, the more fun and sport you experience.

When fishing this area, 2 to 3 oz. of lead should be enough. Tie your sinker directly to your line. About 3 to 4 inches above your sinker, tie a dropper loop. Attached to this loop, directly tie a 30 to 36 inch leader length, 20 lb. test should be good, attached to the end of your leader secure your hook. (To save yourself time, you can purchase this whole setup at any tackle shop; I prefer to make my own rigs.) The hooks that I like to use for fluke are Mustad 3/0 Double Bait Hooks. These hooks are not the easiest to find and they are rather expensive as far as hooks go—50 cents apiece. In my opinion and experiences this double hook set-up is the way to go because it enables you to present two baits which are rather secure on their individual hooks and I believe when you go to set that hook, you have a double shot of nailing that fluke you are after.

When we fish for fluke, bait is the way to go. We've tried small bucktails and leadheads with strips of squid and never had much success. For baits, we have used frozen sand eels and shiners, live killies (mummies) and snapper blues and strips of squid. I believe to score consistently on the fluke scoreboard, strips of squid are a must. Last year, I wrote an article about flukin' and stressed the use of sand eels (frozen) and squid as a dual bait for fluke. Guess what? As they say in the restaurant business, sand eels were 86! Last year there was not the usual abundance of sand eels as there had been in past seasons. I believe this affected the fishing for all species who usually feed on them and fluke belongs to that group. Also last

year, we went to purchase frozen sand eels in both Connecticut and Long Island tackle shops, but there were none to be had! So without the accustomed old standby, we had to select an alternate bait. We switched to live kellies (mummies) and strips of squid as bait. Kellies are rather inexpensive and they seemed like they'd be a good offering for fluke. Also presenting live baits, no matter what you're pursuing, usually outfishes dead or artificial offerings.

Using the double bait hook setup, take a strip of squid, cut it about 4 inches in length and split one end about half the length of the strip. Attach the squid strip to the bigger hook of the two (tail end hook). The squid strip will now have a fluttering motion as it is bounced along the bottom. Take your live kellie and hook it through the lower and upper lips and attach it to the other hook. Now you are all set with a deadly double bait offering that will hopefully put a dent into the fluke population.

When fluking, it's best to hand hold your rod with the tip of your rod held up. As you drift, while holding rod in upward direction with an occasional lift, your rig will be bouncing along the bottom, squid bait fluttering. Fluke usually don't just suck up the bait like their cousins, the flat fish. They usually strike with a pretty good rap, and if they miss the first time, chances are they'll rap again if your hooks haven't been cleaned. This is why hand held rods are a must. When you have set the hook, don't crank like a mad man to get the fluke to the surface. Crank in a steady fashion; too fast and you'll rip the hook right out! Fluke with their big, flat body contour being pulled to the surface against their will, will indeed give you an excellent fight. Once the fish is near the surface, don't try the heave and hoist method to get the fish into the boat, you'll lose more than you'll boat. Use a landing net.

Back to the use of live kellies for a few lines. As mentioned, sand eels were not really in the neighborhood last season, so live kellies got the starting assignment. I believe it was the use of live kellies that made the difference. I checked my log records from this past season and we had 3 trips with over 40 keeper fluke and many trips in the high 20s and 30s.

In conclusion give the Horton's Point area a try when the fluke hit this part of the Sound. You'll read about the fluke invasion in The Fisherman's reports and check your local newspapers out. Last year's log indicated we caught our first fluke on June 16th. Keep in mind these dates will vary this year, but it is in the general vicinity when the fluke run will take place.

One last but very important point, the **legal** size for fluke is **14 inches**, from tip of mouth to end of tail! If there is an influx of fluke this year no matter where you wet a line, observe this rule! Keep only the legal size ones.

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YOUTH SPORT

by Martin &

What consumes four flats of sand worms and goes through 500 night crawlers on one weekend? The answer is 50 young anglers of all ages at the Dorothy Flint 4-H Camp in Baiting Hollow attending the second session of the Sportfishing Camp for Youth, held on May 3-5.

The youngsters assembled at the camp for three days of lectures, demonstrations, and shore fishing. Organized by Robert Kent, Co-Operative Extension agent in charge of the 4-H youth development program, and Fred Golofaro, editor of The Fisherman, instructors included Barry Borth, President of the East End Surfcasters Club, the oldest sport fishing club in America; Ron Howard of Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources, and Lou Tinto of the International Organization of Rod Craftsmen.

When we viewed the camp on its second day, just after lunch, two groups of anglers had just returned from outings on the Sound in Riverhead and from Indian Island on Peconic Bay. Later that weekend they would go to the Peconic River and to Sears Bellows Park. Although the group on Peconic Bay had been unsuccessful, the young folk angling on the Sound, had managed, despite dirty water and northwest winds, to catch one sundial and one large skate and to drop a rather hefty tautog. We saw Armando Soto, age 10, from the Bronx proudly carrying his skate around the lunchroom in a bucket of saltwater.

The program now in its second year is so popular that it quickly becomes overbooked, as only some 50 students can be accommodated. Thus, after it's publicized, it fills up in a matter of weeks. The facilities themselves are those of the Nassau County 4-H, and the funds come from the Suffolk County Co-Operative Extension and from a fee of $40 per camper. The three-day fishing camps have grown so popular that it's led to an expansion of the fishing program throughout the whole 4-H area, metropolitan and upstate.

Tackle is donated or purchased from closeouts. Rods and reels were provided by Shakespeare, while DuPont Stren donated the line. All-Tackle Distributors in Deer Park provided terminal tackle at a sizeable discount. For the beach, youngsters are outfitted with 7½ foot outfits loaded with 12 lb. test line. Freshwater outfits are 5 foot ultralights with 6 lb. test line. Spinning tackle is a logical choice it's so easy to learn to use. Still, fishing from the beach can be tough. Fred Golofaro told us that you have to learn to keep weeds off 10 lines at once while the other students fight snags and tangles. Fortunately, Sears-Bellows, with its yellow perch and sunfish, provides a fall-back because almost everyone catches a fish

A group of young anglers examine s

Manny Soto was mighty proud of shore fishing.

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Incidentally, one trick is to keep erminal tackle as simple as possible. Bottom fishing off the beach is done with a 1 or 2 hook flounder rig, a basic etup with hooks and sinker fastened o a snap. Freshwater fishing makes

ackerel prior to a filleting session.

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use of bobber and split shot. Casting practice on the salt chuck is conducted with Kastmasters, Striper Swipers, Hopkins and Ava 007s, and proper use of these standard surf lures is included in these sessions.

Besides basic fishing, a wide variety of skills is taught to the eager students, including knot tying, sinker and lure making, fly tying and even rod building. We asked Lou Tinto about the problems of teaching a demanding craft like rod building to such a young audience. Tinto explained his use of hands-on techniques and the way he rotates three setups as follows: "You've got to keep them interested. I've brought three full setups and five glass blanks for the kids to work with. The thing is to keep it simple, non-technical; you even hold the threads to wrap the rods. I'll show them rods in various stages, how to glue the reel seats and handles in place, how to set up the guides, and how to wrap them—nothing fancy!"

After lunch on Saturday, the young anglers were busy at a long table, learning to fillet mackerel, and we had the chance to meet a number of them. Kevin March of Levittown, who had fished out of Bay Shore for fluke and blackfish, felt that the most important things he'd learned included "filleting fish and learning to tie all the different knots. I like the parts that I don't just learn from fishing, like lure-making or tying flies."

Karyn Bergman from Malverne, one of the two female anglers in camp, said that "learning how to cast was important for me. Most of the fishing I've done has been from a boat, not from the beach. Now that I can fling a lure, I feel better about casting. I've also learned that I'm supposed to have more patience; letting a jig sink, then taking up four turns before moving the rod."

Bergman's friend, Jennifer Wheatley of Nesconset, agreed with the majority opinion that the fishing part of the camp was the best part, but several of the young male anglers standing near Bergman and Wheatley had another interesting opinion. "Socializing is just as much fun. It's one of the reasons for coming to camp, especially now that we know the camp is really co-ed."

A second Sportfishing Camp is being scheduled for September, and those readers who are interested can obtain further information on the programs by contacting Robert Kent at the Cooperative Extension, 246 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901, (516) 727-7850.

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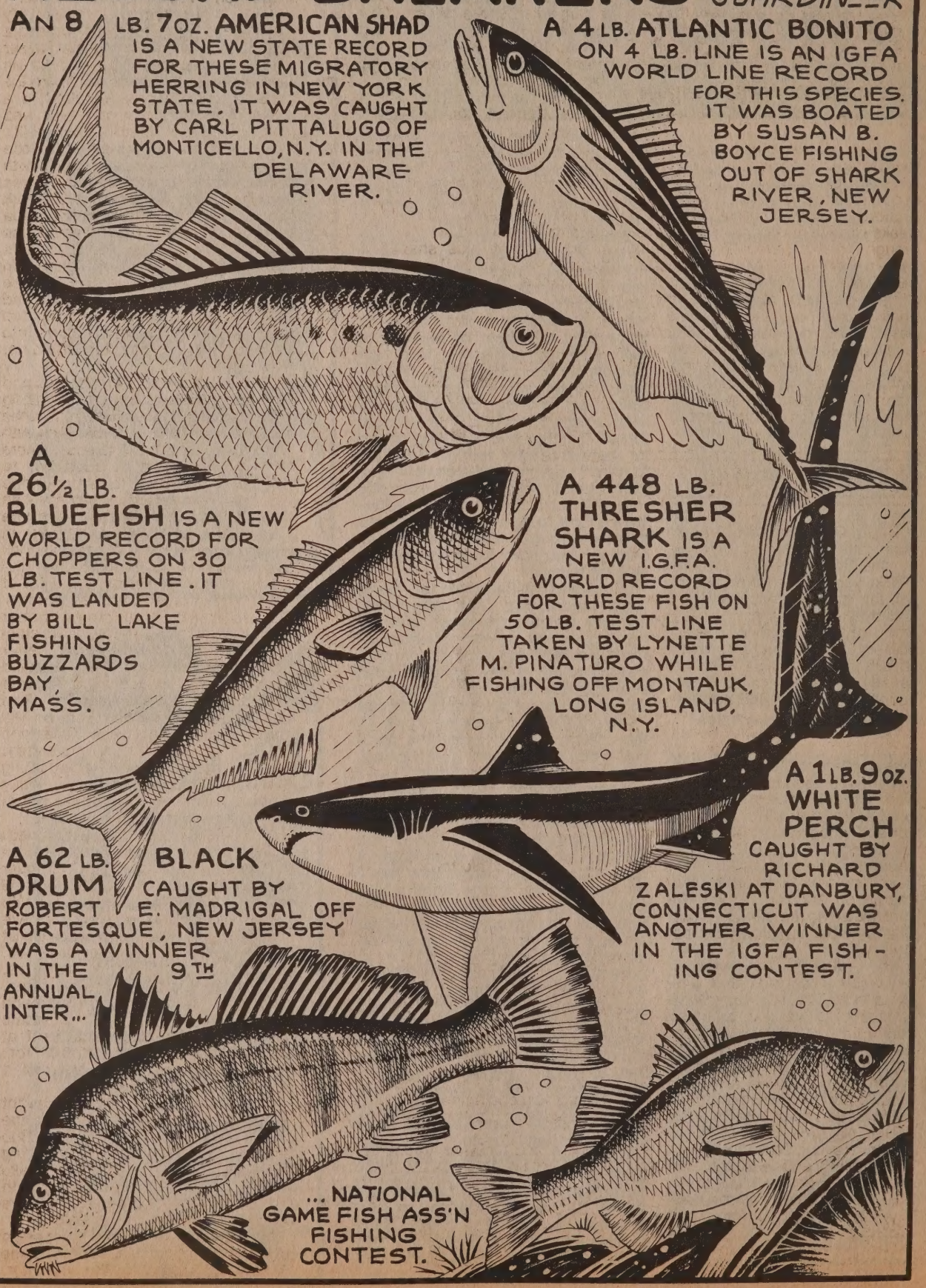
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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Decent weather plus a few offshore tournaments had lots of anglers trying for shark this weekend, most having good results. Offshore action off Montauk and Shinnecock is several weeks early with dozens of giant tuna brought in this week. Inshore, fluke have picked up at Montauk, Gardiner's Island and Shinnecock Bay, with a high percentage of keepers. Porgies finally came into the Peconics and East End fishing grounds, with a few taken off Montauk. Blues are holding up, with weakfish entering the picture. Some large bass around. Flounder are surprisingly good. Cod remain strong at Cox's Ledge.

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Capt. Greg Beacher states that giant tuna are at least a month early at the tuna grounds southeast of Block Island. The first giant was caught last weekend on the **Dawn**, and five more during the past week with five trips resulting in five giants boated: Capt. Beth Clark's fish weighed 525 pounds; Howie Glickberg who usually is found on his boat 'Jinx' caught a giant of 486 pouinds; Ken Moran, sportswriter for the NY Post handled a 460 pound fish; Stever Flois of NY City, a tuna of 460 pounds and Lou Zaphante was on the rod for a tuna of 435 pounds. All of these tuna were caught trolling. Capt. Beacher emphasized that while tuna are on the surface, they will easily hit trolled lures and baits. It is inadvisable to chum for them at this time. Capt. Beacher's new boat will be ready for charter on August 1st., with the present Dawn to be run by Capt. Beth Clark and the new Dawn captained by Greg.

The **Adios** is doing very well on tuna with three trips this week catching three tuna. A group from Bursee Landscaping caught a tough 500 pound fish, that 2 hours to boat. Jeff Beckler caught a 402-pound tuna in the morning plus a few blue and brown sharks in the afternoon. Sal Cuilla's party from Elmont brought in a 350 pound tuna after a 36 minute battle. All tuna were taking trolled natural baits. Capt. Lewis reports shark fishing a little slow towards the end of the week with six brown and blue sharks caught and released on Thursday by a group from Lourdes Industry.

Capt. Jim Flowers used a daisy chain of mackerel fishing on the **Mary A** southeast of Block Island for his first tuna of the season. The fish, weighing 583 pounds fought for 65 minutes on 80 lb. tackle. The next day, a large fish broke off on 130 pound tackle.

Capt. Paul Stern reports his first giant taken on Wednesday with Robbie Knapp on the rod on the **Tuna Tangler.** The fish weighed 752 pounds at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. Dawn Dorster, Capt. Stern's mate, boated tuna of 350 pounds on Thursday and 640 pounds on Saturday. On Sunday Ronnie Fuering of Sea Isle Sports was the angler for a giant of 585 pounds.

Last Monday's charter on the **Bluefin IV** returned with an 80 pound mako, with 4 blue sharks to 200 pounds released by the Berger group. On Tuesday, Percy Heath of Montauk caught a 245 pouind tuna which took a trolled bait. Friday's trip with Montauk resident Mike Degese resulted in a 533 pound giant. The DeMelio's released three bluesharks on Saturday, but caught a 150 pound mako which took a whole bluefish bait. The mako was large enough to win the **Edelman's** Field Tester award for the largest mako caught on Saturday. Capt. Michael Potts reports a very large amount of tuna around, both seen visually and marked on his recorder.

Capt. Mike Albronda boated a 338 pound thresher shark with a group from Philadelphia on Monday. The fish's tail was 6½ feet in length! The group returned home with a cooler full of shark steaks. Best action on sharks on the charter boat **Montauk** was on Friday, when a mixture of 15 brown and blue sharks were fought and released by Dan Dantun and his friends. On Saturday, after a small mako was caught, tuna came into the shark slick, stealing the baits but unwilling to take hooks.

Capt. Albronda was one of the first to take a ride on Capt. DeMaio's new **Vivienne** on a shake-down trip. The boat cruises at 20 knots, is twice as fast as the old Vivienne and was at the CIA grounds in less than an hour. Call Capt. DeMaio to check on open fishing dates.

Novice sharkers Manny Corallo and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lane caught the knack of catching shark on the **Pronto** on Friday. The group fought blue sharks and two makos. Unfortunately the makos were lost at boatside. Next trip should make experts out of them! On a weekend trip with Bruce Lane, several dusky sharks were hooked up as well as a thresher on the Pronto. Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. reported Coxes Ledge the sight of all the blue sharks you could possibly want and a smattering of sharks around the tuna fleet.

Capt. Joe McBride reported slower shark activity towards the end of the week. However brown shark was tagged and released on the **My Mate** fishing 30 miles south of the point in 66 degree waters. Makos came into the slick as well as a large tiger shark, but would not take baits.

A reminder that applications for the Montauk Captains Association Charity Shark Tournament (July 6 & 7) are available at **Captains Cove Marina**.

With a new motto of "Mako My Day", Capt. Zac Grossman located a 120 pound mako for Wayne Kaiser plus the everpresent bluesharks on Friday. Sunday's trip on the **Mako Express** in sloppy seas resulted in a mako of 155 pounds plus blue and brown sharks with Enrico Santorelli.

Lou Rosado found the mother lode of bluesharks on Friday fishing with his son and Frank Pristera and his son. The group went through 50 shark hooks, free tagged 17 sharks. Area fished was the east tip of the "second finger". On Saturday, the **Edelman's** group tried southwest of Montauk in 37 fathoms, where, in 64.9 degree water very large brown sharks and monster blue sharks were attracted to the Bullitt. A white marlin came into the slick, slashing bait, but would not hook up.

Bernie Schultz with friends Eric and Rob found an 85 pound mako among dozens of blue sharks fishing past the 40 fathom line on the **Alyssa Ann** with Capt. Bill Ricca on Thursday. There were so many sharks, according to Capt. Bill, that they fished only one bait at a time and could pick the fish they wanted. An interesting note: one blue shark estimated at 11 feet in length had a broken off long line hook and leader in his mouth! Over the weekend, bottom fishing put a lot of fish into the cooler: sea bass, porgies, flounder, with surprisingly better fishing on windy Sunday, than calm Saturday. Capt. Ricca reported better flounder action over the weekend than most of the spring, with most flounder over 2 pounds in weight. Ron Contino and his friends were on the boat on Saturday, Nick Rina and Charles Sparacino on Sunday. Fishing was good all over, including the New Grounds, Frisbies, Rocky Point. Lots of tinker mackerel are in Montauk Harbor (good fluke bait).

On Tuesday, Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished the Point and the South Side on the **Julie III** with Joe Radd for over two dozen flounder to 3 lbs. and 86 sea bass to 3¼ lbs. Sunday's action with Benny Morton of New Rochelle took place at the Point and Great Eastern, where 81 porgies to 3 lbs. with over 2 dozen flounder to 3½ lbs. and a dozen sea bass were the catch.

Montauk residents Alison Sanft and her grandfather Albert Brancato fished on a **Uihlein's** rental skiff at Culloden for flounder to 3¾ lbs. Henry Uihlein reports lots of small, 1 to 2 lb. bluefish at the Point.

Tim Magee and his friends caught several brown and blue sharks on the charter boat **Caprice** with Capt. Bob Storc at the Butterfish Hole during the week. Tim boated his first mako ever—a fish of 80 lbs. A bass trip with Don Urbanski found several stripers up to 35 lbs., drifting live eels.

Maureen Sennefelder reported good fishing on boats berthed at **Gone Fishing Marina** during the week! Dr.

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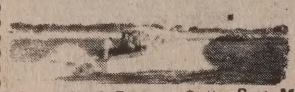

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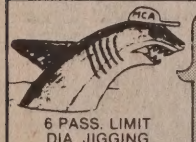

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Mel Kanan, a chiropractor, manipulated 35 codfish, top weight 40 lbs. fishing aboard h is boat "Outrage" at Cox' Ledge on Friday. Andy Keck, fishing alone on the "Bachelor" managed a 150 lb. blue shark. On Saturday, Arnie Fox put fluke to 5 lbs. aboard his boat "Fluke Hunter." Tom found 75 fluke fishing on the "Hooker" at inner Shagwong. Flounder still holding up at the north bar, according to Maureen.

Twenty-four boats entered the annual **Star Island Yacht Club** Shark Tournament held this past weekend. Most sharks were released after tagging, since radio communications gave progress reports on potential winners. The largest shark, a 294 lb. mako was caught on the Realator captained by Dick Hartman, winning $1,925 plus a pair of Penn 4/0 reels for the top weight mako. Second place, worth $1,283.34 was caught on Ed Debis' boat, Allgrip:a blue shark of 272 lbs. A blue shark also won 3rd place and $641.67, caught on the Just Cruisin' with Capt. Craig Stamski.

Jim Grubb fishing with Doug MacVittie and Maxie Maxwell found blue sharks to 150 lbs., 1½ hours off the Point on the My-Toy, on Saturday. Charlie, spokesman for **Star Island Yacht Club** reported at least 10 giant tuna brought in during the past week and remarked that they are at least 6 weeks early. Best bait is trolled mackerel daisy chains. Some catches by marina based boats include: a tuna of 740 caught by Sam Cardinale on the Samana; 709 lbs. on the Masterpiece by the Asoginia family; giants on the Miss Marion and Sneaky Pete. Charlie suggested that trolling be the only method used to catch these fish for the time being, since anchoring and chunking will drive them deeper and make them harder for all to catch.

Nancy saw a good catch of fluke brought into **Captain's Cove Marina** by Dave McMann on the Marie III. The 29 fluke, some weighing 5 to 6 lbs. were caught off Shagwong. A few weakfish were jigged with bluefish at the Light. Captain Fred Treptow brought in a 135 lb. mako fishing with Phil Sprout of Stony Brook on the **Misty**. Tuna of 570 and 360 were brought in on the Hurry-Up during the week. Best tuna action was at the crack of dawn.

Captain Paul Forsberg reports pretty good fluking on the half day **Viking** fluke trips, with better action in the mornings over the weekend. The Cox's Ledge codfish trips are very good. Bluefish night trips will start Friday night, with the sailing time set a little later than last year: 7:15 PM.

Last weekend's combination Georges Banks/KNantucket trips on the **Starship** were stupendous, according to Patchogue Fishing Club member Gregg Maynard and youngster Jeff Mannheimer of Medford. The pair caught 50 fish: cod from 5 to over 20 lbs., 3 silver hake to 20 lbs. and 3 large pollock. Gregg claimed that the action was constant, and re-

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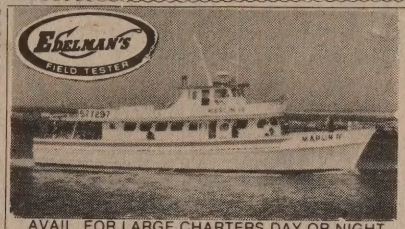

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marked that his young friend spent 14 hours at the rail cranking in fish (on my new fishing rod, which I loaned him). Best action was at the Banks on open or rubbly bottom, where 16 to 24 Viking jigs produced the most cod most of the day. A red tube, tied three feet above the jig caught cod, while purple, green or natural took pollolck. Towards dusk, bait was used to catch cod, until the fish stopped eating after dark. Morning at Nantucket was also constant fish, but Gregg felt that the Banks produced better. Gregg asked me to mention the very good job that Billy and John did, mating for the boat in the Bow.

Captain Forsberg pointed out that t this Friday night, will be the last Georges/Nantucket trip of the Spring. There are still some spots left since this is an extra trip, not on the schedule. Pool winner—a pollock—was over 40 lbs. Dennis O'Donnell and Harvy Minkopf of New York City, combined to catch 76 fish, largest a 36 lb. cod. Dennis and Harvey have made 4 trips this season, with Dennis coming in the pool money each trip. Lots of haddock were also caught, no wolffish.

SOUTH FORK

It's PORGY TIME according to Capt. Artie Lach! On Saturday, good anglers caught up to 50 porgies a man on the **Wilhelric**, fishing on the north side of Plum Island. Capt. Lach suggests light line (12-20 lb. test) for best catches. Fluke at Horton's Point was hot on Wednesday, when 130 fluke, the largest 9½ lbs., were caught. Lillian Pfoutsch of Hicksville, N.Y., caught 10 fluke, including the pool. Jim Skeadow of Upper Brookville was second with an 8¼ lb. fish. Several fish weighed between 7½ and 8½ pounds, most caught by women! On Sunday, a slow pick was the order of the day, apparently caused by a poor drift with wind against tide.

Chris at **Bayview Marine & Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** saw lots of porgies taken on his rental boats on Saturday. Frank and Jimmy Johnson anchored at the red spindle, just outside the harbor breakwaters, for 75 porgies, largest 1½ lbs. taken on worms. The fish fed through both tides. Bluefishing is on and off at the Ruins at Gardiner's with trolling producing 2-3 lb. bluefish. Some fluke were starting at the Ruins as well. In the bay, schools of bluefish are moving around, with some larger catches in the vicinity of the Monastary.

Thom Speckenback at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in **Southampton** also heard of porgies hitting fairly well near the Ruins at Gardiner's Island. Locally, fluke are pretty steady in the Shinnecock bay, with a ratio of 3 out of 5 fish a keeper. Porgies were discovered on the east side of Robbins Island by anglers keeping out of the wind. Scattered bluefish activity both

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in Shinnecock Inlet and in Rose's Grove in the Peconics. A few weakfish reports have come in from the north side of Shelter Island. Offshore, the Panther wreck still holds a steady amount of sea bass to about 3 pounds.

On Saturday, Jim Squires, Ron Woodward, and I took the "Galloping Ghost", berthed at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **southampton** in quest of sharks. Fishing in 62 degree water, 190 ft. south of Shinnecock, we had a few bluefish (12 lbs.) and one small blue shark (released). However, the ocean held schools of tuna, some of which came into the chum slick. Estimated size 70 lbs. Radio chatter spoke of much mako activity, most under 200 lbs. with tuna, both yellowfin and bluefin spotted.

Thirty three boats entered in the Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club Annual Shark Tournament met with varying results, with Sunday's weather putting a damper on a second day hopefuls. Ed Anker took first place on the "Mollar Roller" with a mako of 276½ pounds. Second was a 225 lb. mako caught on Capt. Ben Cammarata's charter boat **Big Ben**, by angler Michael Staff. Gloria Dunn handled the third place mako of 102 lbs. easily on Joe Hauger's boat, "My Rosemarie". Prizes included trophies donated by the club as well as gasoline donated by Pell's Marina.

Charlie and Ann Kukenis with a nice catch of Moriches Bay fluke taken during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

Capt. Bob Young found fresh bluefish fillet the bait of choice on the **White Water Epress** on Friday while fishing with his mate Peter Hendrickson. A 300 lb. mako grabbed the bait in 160 feet of water 180 degrees south of the Shinnecock Inlet.

Ed Parbst, fishing on the marina based boat "Horizon", returned to **Corr's Mariners Cove** in **Hampton Bays** on Saturday with a 309 lb. mako. Larry Mangarillo reported rental boats returning with anywhere from 1 dozen to 4 dozen fluke on Saturday and Sunday. Most fluking was done either in the East Channel or in front of the Marina. Bluefish were alittle off over the weekend.

Reports of fluke activity with a high percentage of keepers, have come in from anglers fishing the area around Buoy 17 in Shinnecock Bay and from Buoy 9 in the Quogue Canal.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Moriches Bay fluke fishing took a sharp turn for the better this past week. Some excellent fluke scores were racked up by boatmen working the shallow bay since the middle of last week. Also encouraging is the size of the fish with the ratio of keepers to shorts approximately 4:1. Bluefish still cover a large expanse of ocean south of both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets and plenty of sharks, mostly blues, have been keeping the offshore set busy. There have been a good number of makos mixed in amongst the blues. Great South Bay fluking showed some signs of improvement this past week and several reports indicated that the algae bloom appears to have diminished considerably.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** Gary Grunseich reported that fluke fishing finally broke loose. The summer flatties are now the main attraction here. Tuesday, Matt and John Viol got the ball rolling with a catch of 60 keepers made on bucktails, sandeels and spearing. Most anglers have been fishing sandeel or spearing and squid combos. Fish are being taken on both tides between buoys 39 and 41, at Buoy 43 and in Hart Cove. Four out of 5 of the fish are keepers. Saturday's fishing was difficult for some

although those who trolled caught lots of fluke. Flounder are still being taken at buoy 38 and south of buoy 33. Lots of small blues are mixed with the fluke and cocktail sized choppers can also be plugged opposite the Coast Guard Station mornings and evenings.

'Lots of fluke and flounder taken this week' according to Larry Dallaire of **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. The fluking opened up around mid-week in Hart Cove and thru Seatuck Cove with the best catches made on incoming water. John Nepson and crew averaged 30-60 keepers per trip on several occasions this past week and weekend. Ratio of keepers to shorts is 5:1 according to Larry. Best flounder fishing activity is centered around buoy 38. Fishing there on Sunday were Howard Daderian, Dr. Z. Daderian and Paul Nalbandian. The trio retured to the station with 95 flatties from ½ to 1½ pounds.

From **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport**, Andy Hegeman enthusiastically reported that fluke were in solid with most of the fish keepers. Best action has been on incoming water between buoys 42 and Speonk Point. Some good action also between buoys 38 and 39. On Saturday, Anthony Clemenz needed just 2 hours to put away a dozen keepers fishing near Buoy 42. On Sunday, Joseph and Ron Williamson, along with James Driscoll found 22 keepers between buoys 38 and 39. Squid and sandeel combos were used. Blues in the 1-2 pound range have been active south of Haven's Point in the early morning hours.

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Center Moriches** based **Frances Anne II** reported good blue shark action and lots of bluefish in the 10-15 pound class located in 180' of water SW of Moriches Inlet. The skipper reported that at least 5 makos came from this area on Saturday. Sunday was a blowout with virtually no one getting offshore due to the strong SW winds and building seas.

Capt. Russ Hagios of the **East Moriches** based charter boat **Blue Jay** had to abort a planned shark trip on Sunday due to rough seas. Instead, the skipper put his party into a boxful of blues while trolling umbrella rigs between the Sea Buoy and a point five miles south of the buoy. Most fish fell into the 6-8 pound range with a few pushing the 10 pound mark.

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Fantastic crabbing from local docks in the Blue Point/Patchogue area according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Sean Marsh has been regularly racking up nice scores of big blueclaws. His catch of 2 dozen on Sunday was typical. Paul also noted that tiny snappers, most too small to catch, have shown up at the docks and it looks like we may be in for an early snapper season. The best fluking reports to come through the shop eminated from Moriches. There on Saturday, Jim Osterlund, Jim Lipca and David Bintinger racked up 2 dozen keepers along with several small blues fishing in the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station. The trio used killies and spearing.

Al Colban over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported some improvement in the local fluke fishing. Best action is located between the Bridge and the Sore Thumb but some fair catches were also made in the State Channel between the Babylon Cut and Gilgo. Small blues are in and out at the inlet with plenty of bigger blues outside from 60' on out. Sharkers have reported plenty of 10-15 pound blues beyond the 100' mark. Some good action with blue sharks this past week and a fair number of makos taken as well. Sunday was lost to the offshore crowd due to rough seas and strong SW winds.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Lisa told of weighing a 2.9 pound flounder for Al Didau. She also spoke of fair fluking between the R.M. Bridge and the Inlet and noted that small blues continue to come and go in the Inlet. Fish are being taken on 007 jigs or trolled on umbrellas and wire. Largest fluke entered in the Shop Derby to date is 3 pounds even.

Not far to the west, Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** spoke of some pretty good offshore activity on Saturday with Sunday lost to the wind. Carl had one report of schools of 200-300 pound tuna on the surface in the SE corner of the Compass Rose. The Bay Shore Tuna Club had their Tournament runoff in preparation for next week's gala mako tourney. Mike Oregan clicked with a 146 pound mako, Lou Lockhart had a 120 pound blue and Pete Jakits, a 105 pound blue. A couple of other impressive non-sharks were taken by members during Saturday's fishing. Doug Brewsters of Brewster's Shipyards whipped a 135 pound bluefin tuna that grabbed a shark bait while 'Doc' O'Brien bested an 80 pound marlin. Carl did not see the marlin but related that there was some confusion as to whether the billfish was a white or a blue. Good bluefishing has been the rule in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds with good numbers of 8 to 12 pound choppers jigged and trolled in the area on Saturday. Small blues are in and out of the inlet and are being taken on 007 jigs. Early Saturday AM was particularly good for the small choppers. Fluking seems to be improving with one customer racking up a score of 13 keepers fishing near the Coast Guard Station with live killies on incoming water. Carl closed by

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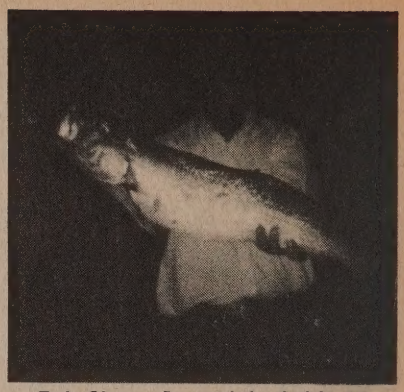


Bob Show, Sr. weighed this 14 lb. weak at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway. The big tiderunner was taken this spring in Great South Bay.

reminding that there is some very good crabbing going on at local docks with a number of catches ranging from 15 to 40 nice blue claws per man reported. Both traps and baited lines are working.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger reported some fluke action off the piers at Captree. On Sunday, Jerry Scarangella surprised everyone by taking a 4 pound 1 ounce summer flattie from the Fisherman's Walk right out in front of the shop. Bobby also put in a word for the Jones Beach fishing piers where the anglers continue to take some winter flounder on worms.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** based open boat **Captree Queen** reported fair fluking in recent days with noticably better action found on the weekend's AM trips. Most days have seen a ratio of 3 shorts to each keeper but Sunday did have a much better ratio as there was a decent showing of nice size fish taken. Gordon has been working the inlet as well as the State Channel depending on wind and tide conditions. Of the night bluefishing, Gordon's first trip on Saturday got off a little slow with 20 fares accounting for approximately 100 blues. Most were in the 3-5 pound range with some to 8 pounds. Fishing was done on the Patchogue Grounds. Gordon asked to remind customers that he will be on the night bluefish run on a nightly basis beginning this Thursday. He also reminded that the boat is entered in this week's Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Anyone aboard the boat will be eligible for some of the many tackle and cash prizes being awarded. Among the other Captree boats participating in the Harbor Fest are the **Capt. Joseph II, Capt. Scotty 3, Miss Captree** and the **Speedy VII**.

A call from Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** revealed some improvement in the local fluke action. The skipper noted that the algae problem appears to have diminished somewhat and better fluking has coincided with the better water conditions. Carl spoke of some

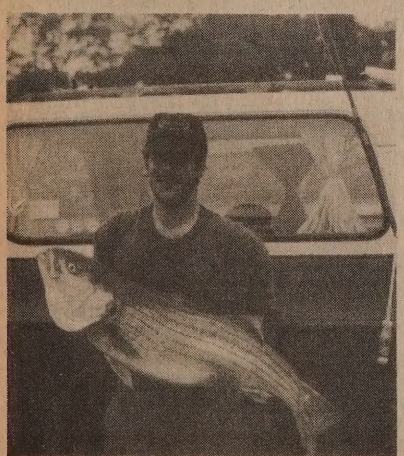
decent catches made this week in the State Channel and near the mouth of the inlet. Flood tide has been best. The boat will be sailing Friday and Saturday nights at 7PM for all night blues, while Sunday through Thursday will see 6-10 PM local bluefish trips on tap.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** reported he has been catching and releasing plenty of blue sharks on recent offshore treks. Big bluefish in the 10-15 pound range have been taken out of shark chum slicks as well. The skipper still has a couple of choice dates available for shark hopefuls.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported decent catches of blues on Friday and Saturday nights with fish up to 13 pounds taken. On rough Sunday, the skipper was forced to anchor over a wreck. Fares picked away at bluefish and sea bass with a couple of the latter ranging up to 4 and 5 pounds. Saturday's daytime action was off with only 40 blues taken for the day.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported fair fluking in the inlet area and also in the State Channel near the Babylon Cut. Friday saw Charlie Soloman deck a 6 pound weakfish along with 6 keeper fluke in the vincinity of the R.M. Bridge. Most fares managed 2-3 keepers apiece. Saturday's pool winner with a 3½ pound fluke was Marvin Freeman.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** came word that a couple of the area's more adventurous skippers made the trek to the waters south of Montauk in search of giant tuna. Dick Svoboda spent both Saturday and Sunday in the area and racked up fish both days aboard his 'Miss Marion'. He and his crew trolled fish of 374 and 450 pounds. On Saturday Dick Orlandi of Augies whipped a 450 pound bluefin aboard Pete Rhein's 'Sneaky Pete'. Tom Healy, who reported on the



Patchogue Fishing Club member, Peter Cilento, used an Ava 27 jig and green tube combo to take this 30 lb. striper from the Moriches surf. The fish was weighed at J&J Tackle in Patchogue.

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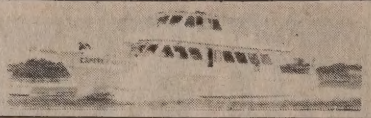

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tuna action also reported some good sharking this week though most boatmen had to run to at least 200' of water to find any mako action. The O'Brien family saw a 97 pound white marlin gobble a mackerel bait meant for a shark while they fished NE of the Texas Tower. This was on Saturday. Tom also reported some improved fluke action with killies working best. One caster has 3 nice keepers fishing from the Sore Thumb. Small flounder continue to be taken from the pocket at the Thumb. A reminder that Augie's summer hours are 6AM to 8PM daily and 6AM to 4PM on Sunday.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported that Bill Piazza continued to drift live bunker at the inlet this week. While he failed to match last week's success, he did manage a 12½ pound striper Thursday evening. One customer stopped to weigh an 8½ pound weak taken on a red jellyworm near the inlet on Saturday. Mike noted that most fluke anglers have been finding it slow going. A few sharpies have been doing pretty well with some of those better scores coming from the State Channel at Gilgo, Squaw Island and the East-West Channel opposite Copiague. Crabbing has been excellent at the Wellwood Avenue dock with both traps and nets effective on the blueclaws. The only offshore news included a 117 pound mako taken in 180' of water out of Fire Island by Tony C. and his crew on Saturday.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported that the local fluke action remains picky put has shown some signs of improvement. Scott Berrent worked a stretch of the State Channel on Thursday and returned with a pair of 9 pound weaks along with some decent size porgies. Still some flounder being taken at the Sore Thumb and some very good crabbing being done locally. Offshore, there are quite a few blue sharks as well as a few makos taken on Saturday. Sunday was a blow out for everyone.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported small fluke the rule

at Bergen Point and Fox Creek. A few weakfish being taken but mostly on night tides. Best bluefishing is being found offshore and the further off you go the bigger the choppers. Some good action reported from the Patchogue Grounds during the week. On Saturday, the crew aboard 'Three's Company' tagged and released 13 blue sharks and dropped a mako. They fished SE of Fire Island in 190' of water. Frank also had a report of a 200 pound thresher taken in 200' of water SE of the Inlet on Saturday.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Fluking was off this week in some areas and held strong in others, namely out of Sheepshead Bay. Very good catches of big flounder filled in many gaps where the fluke pickings were slim. Day and night bluefishing trips were mostly productive but wiht a few slow trips here and there, caused mainly by the weather and sea conditions. Blue claws are starting to show as are some blowfish. Very good catches of mako shark were made all during the week and weekend.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Chartering out of Massapequa, Captain Ed Zack's charter boat **Sunray** on Thursday had Englert Metals taking a 150 lb. tiger and two 100 lb. blue sharks, all being tagged and released. They also had blues 8 to 15 lbs. To top it off an estimated 300 to 400 lb. mako was lost at the boat after a 45 minute battle. All this was Se of the HA. Wednesday's trip for Ed Boralla saw 20 bluefish 8 to 15 lbs. taken and a 250 lb. mako. This was done SE of the Virginia Wreck. Everything was on bunker and butterfish.

Moving to Seaford, we hear from **Pop's Fishing Station** of continued good floundering in the area with fish large and thick. Heavy chumming is a must and action has been best between the 3rd Wantagh and the Jones Beach piers. Fluking continues to improve with best action on the west side of the Wantagh bridges, from th 3rd bridge to 4 Corners and to Massapequa Cove. The Roigge group of three had a mixed bag of fluke and flounder, while Mr. Bauer alone in a skiff brought back a solid catch of flatties. Small porgies in Massapequa Cove and John notes that sand sharks

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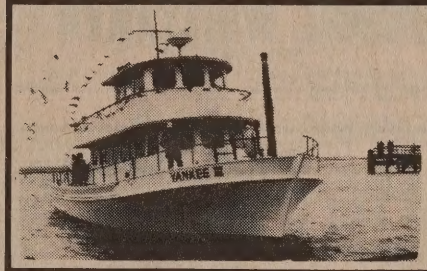

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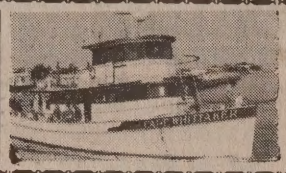

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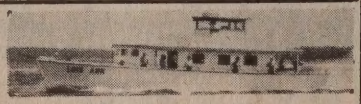

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From **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** we hear fluking was slow on the weekend but Thursday and Friday many skiffs came in with catches in the 20s. BCCs are starting in the canals and they are good sized. Best flounder action has been at the black banks and Squaw Island with Mr. Ryan, a regular taking 45 nice flounder at Squaw on worm and clam chum. Some very small snappers in the canals. Very small.

A call from **Wanser's Tackle** said that fluking had slowed on the weekend but most caught were keepers with best catches in Haunts and Goose Creeks, Massapequa Cove and Wansers Cut, sand eels working best. A few nice weaks caught at the 3rd Wantagh and Big M on whole sand worms fished into the bridge on the bottom on 3 ft. leaders. Good bluefish catches at Cholera and exciting floundering in the deep holes around the bridges and at the CG station.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh said fluking this past week was fair at best with 6 keepers to a boat being considered a good catch for the week. Mike found results from Jones Inlet to be best. Flounder catches were better. Joe and Jeff hoisted 125 nice flounder to 2 lbs. 12 oz. Monday in Haunts Creek on worm and clam. Some ling and sea bass on the offshore wrecks. Some blues being trolled in 50 ft. of water off Lido. Cholera has given up blues to 16 lbs. on bait and chum, and tiny snappers hitting the canals now.

Over in Merrick Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** advised that Thurday, Friday and Saturday saw good fluking at Merrick Point and the golf courses with catches of 23, 20 and 28 keeper fluke being made in various rentals. These were 15 and 16 inch fish which wanted live killies or sand eels.

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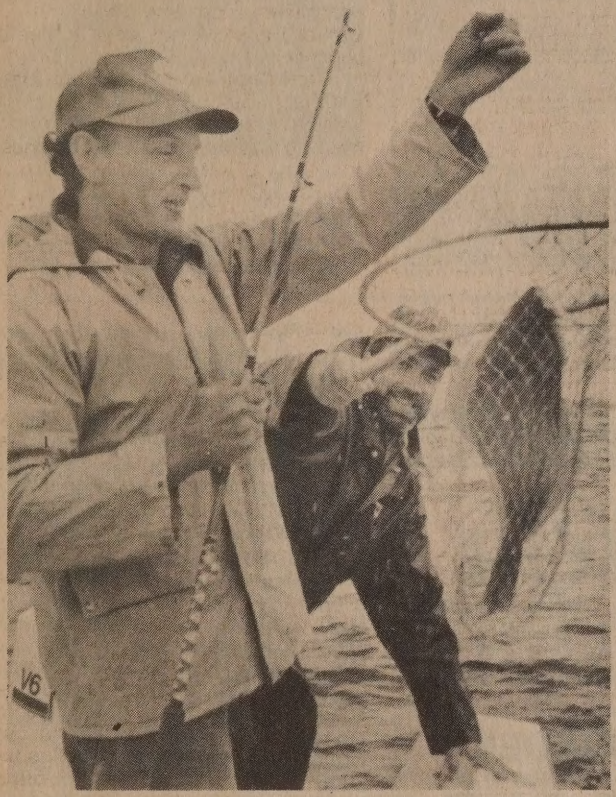

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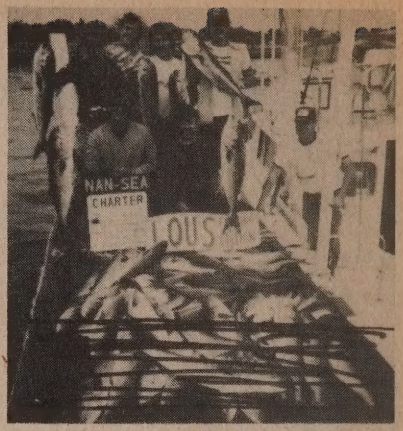

A group of South Nassau Construction Company employees show part of a big catch of blues made aboard the Freeport based charter boat, "Nan-Sea."

peare Sigma line. Eleven other prizes were awarded said Ronnie. John Decicco also won a Lowrance X-16 chart machine for his big fish.

We hear from the **Blue Fin Fleet** of good fluke and blue trips this week. Friday night it was excellent bluefishing, fish to 12 lbs. SW of Jones in 105 ft. of water with fish from bottom to top. Some ling were also caught. This was on bunker chunks and chum. Pool fish of the week was a 12 lb. blue caught by Rob Callendar of Little Neck. Fluking remained good until Thursday then slowed on the weekend. High hook on fluke for the week was Shakespeare rep Greg Nisito with 19 keepers. Pool fluke of the week was a 4 lber. taken by Tito Poenti. Bob McGuinness bagged a 3 lber and 11 other keepers while George Klitch and Julius Briski of NYC also did well.

We hear from Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that his full and half day boats picked away at fluke this week, high hooks going into the teens and up to 5 lbs. Shots of colder water hurt the weekend's fishing for fluke. However the flounder trips in the PM aboard the **CL III** have been very good. Laura Todaro of Westbury had 36, Art Hunstein, 25, Jim Zoolow of East Meadow, 35, Beri Levine 25 and Reuben Cohn 35. Fish ranged from 1/2 to 2½ lbs. and were taken in local waters. Mike asked us to let you know his boat is entered in the Harbor Festival Fishing Tournament.

From the **Miss Freeport II** comes word that fluking this week was fair to good, depending on the day and conditions. Fish ran to 3½ lbs. Night bluefishing was good until Saturday night, with the boats loading up Wednesday and Thursday nights fishing inshore of Cholera to the 3 Sisters for fish 6 to 11 lbs. on bait and chum.

Saturday on the charter boat **Nan-Sea** Queens Angler Ken Leung had several blue sharks which were tagged and released and also the boat's first tuna of the year, a bluefin. Another was baited but dropped and

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	3:25	4:15	4:10	4:55	4:00	4:45	5:15	5:50	6:55	7:25	7:00	7:25	3:35	4:10	6/27
FRI.	4:35	4:15	5:15	5:55	5:05	5:45	6:20	6:45	8:10	8:35	8:05	8:25	4:35	5:05	6/28
SAT.	5:40	6:10	6:20	6:55	6:15	6:45	7:15	7:35	9:25	9:35	9:05	9:25	5:35	6:05	6/29
SUN.	6:40	7:05	7:20	7:50	7:15	7:40	8:10	8:30	10:25	10:40	10:00	10:20	6:30	6:55	6/30
MON.	7:35	7:55	8:15	8:45	8:10	8:30	9:05	9:20	11:25	11:35	11:00	11:15	7:20	7:45	7/1
TUES.	8:25	8:45	9:15	9:35	9:00	9:20	9:55	10:10	—	12:20	11:50	—	8:15	8:40	7/2
WED.	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:25	9:55	10:10	10:45	11:00	12:30	1:10	12:05	12:40	9:05	9:25	7/3
THURS.	10:00	10:20	10:55	11:15	10:50	11:05	11:40	11:50	1:20	2:00	12:55	1:30	9:55	10:15	7/4

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/27	5:25	8:40
FRI. 6/28	5:26	8:40
SAT. 6/29	5:27	8:40
SUN. 6/30	5:27	8:40
MON. 7/1	5:28	8:39
TUE. 7/2	5:29	8:38
WED. 7/3	5:30	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/27	3:15PM	1:41AM
FRI. 6/28	4:33PM	2:09AM
SAT. 6/29	5:51PM	2:41AM
SUN. 6/30	7:07PM	3:20AM
MON. 7/1	8:17PM	4:09AM
TUE. 7/2	9:17PM	5:08AM
WED. 7/3	10:05PM	6:14AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/18	6/25	7/2	7/10

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:20	**7:05**	1:15	**7:30**
Fri.	1:45	**7:55**	2:05	**8:20**
Sat.	2:35	**8:45**	2:55	**9:15**
Sun.	3:30	**9:40**	3:50	**10:10**
Mon.	4:25	**10:35**	4:45	**11:10**
Tues.	5:25	**11:35**	5:45	—
Wed.	6:20	**12:05**	6:50	**12:40**
Thurs.	7:20	**1:10**	7:55	**1:40**

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the skipper said there are a lot around 150 ft. of water and bluefish galore.

A call left on our machine from Capt. Joe Long of the **Misty V** told of Tuesday's catch of a 437 lb. thresher and a 310 lb. mako around the NOAA buoy.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III**, Capt. Pat told of poor to good fluking this week with an increasing number of short fish around. Monday's trip for John Radice of Howard Beach did very well working the inlet. Tuesday, Lumber headquarters had a decent catch fishing Reynolds, Jones and some of the Freeport creeks. Fair fluking was had Wednesday on a trip for Ogden foods locally. Thursday's trip for Jason Courier Services of Springfield Gardens saw 3 lb. class blues jigged off the local beaches. It was AT&T Downstate Employees Club Saturday having a decent pick of fluke off Riis and on Sunday the Sue Raini group of Richmond Hills picked away at fluke from Debs to Sloop channel. Ebb was best all week.

Aboard the **Starstream II** this week although catches varied from day and day and night to night, fishing was classified as generally good with fish running 3 to 15 lbs., jigging days and baiting nights and fishing from 3 Sisters to 17 Fathoms. High hooks for the week ran into the 20s and Sunday the averages were 10 to 15 blues a man.

Captain Al Bala of the charter boat **Nicki B** had good sharking Saturday hooking and boating a 220 lb. mako, fishing east of the Virginia wreck for Steve Vesce and Jack Santoro.

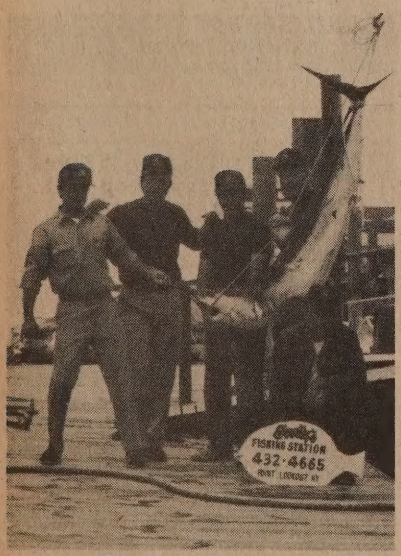
BAIT & TACKLE

We hear from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** regarding Saturday's trip for Emery Air Freight which had very good fluking in Debs picking away all day long with lots of throwbacks and keepers up to 2½ lbs. Bill Butler was high hook and pool grabber with squid and spearing doing the job. On Sunday Ricardo Rodriguez' group from Jackson Hts. had a very picky day in Reynolds with lots of throwbacks.

We hear from **Lou's Fishing Station** that during the week a 475 lb. mako was taken aboard the Paper Clip by Bruce Abatte and Bill Wyant. A 237 lb. white shark was the reward for George Sayre fishing on the No Problem. On the Sea Quest Jim Johnson bagged a 295 lb. mako. He also had 12 blue shark which were released. Action was in the Virginia area and south of the HA in 160 ft. of water. Lou said the ocean is loaded with bluefish. Inshore the flounder action was great at the Big M and off Short Beach on the inside.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** this week, Thursday's AM trip fished a precinct from the NYCPD. Joe Carella pool winner an high hook was Nick Thomas with 12 fluke. The night blue trip for Eddie's group has picky going working Cholera and the Sisters. Friday's trip for IBM had Joan Nevins with a 3½ lb. pool fluke and Jimmy high hook with 9 keepers. On Saturday, a trip for Tom and friends saw fair fluking with Mr. Winston catching a 3 lb. pool winner and Mr. Thomas being high hook. Sunday's charter for the Happy Hookers Fishing Club saw a 3½ lb. fluke take the pool for Jerry w hile high hook honors went to Anita with 12 keepers.

JR from **Sea Isle Sports** does it again with a call from the shop telling



This 155 lb. mako was caught nine miles SE of the HA Buoy aboard the Massapequa based charter boat, "Sun Ray." It was checked in at Scotty's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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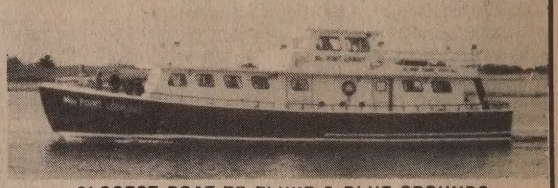

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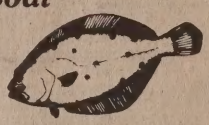

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of his 585 lb. bluefin tuna caught Sunday off Block Island aboard Capt. Paul Stern's **Tuna Tangler.**

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** that the **Super Spray II** along with the Association's charter boats have been picking away steadily at fluke in Jones, Reynolds, Garretts Lead and Swift Creek right throuh Sunday. A 7lb. 2 oz. fluke was caught aboard the Norseman by Ken Larimore of Kings park on a trip for Tides Inn Restaurant. The boats trolling bluefish are doing well. A 229 lb. mako was caught this week on the Christy Lee.

In nearby Pt. Lookout the **Capt. Al** tells of consistent day and night bluefishing working areas from Cholera to Ambrose. Fish are being jigged days and baited under the stars.

On the **Miss Point Lookout** Wednesday's AM trip saw Ace Cowdrick of College Point with 7 fluke including a 3½ lber. Saturday's AM trip had Henry Marcus with a 3 lb. pool winner and on Sunday's AM trip Andy Fieldler bagged a 3 lb. pool fish. Reynolds and the back have been best on sand eels and squid strips.

Captain Bill Lindroth of the **Capt. Bill** has now switched over at popular demand to fluke. This week saw fair flounder catches for his customers with high hooks in the high teens, with average catches around the 10 mark.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** spoke of Wednesday's trip for the Phil Grosso 42 Co. Hook and Ladder, NYCFD had excellent floundering in the AM, then slowing. Catches averaged 15 to 20 a man. Friday and Saturday fluking was from Debs Inlet to Riis Park with a fair pick and a 50

percent keeper ratio. Customers average 4 to 5 keepers a man and Debs was best. It was trip for the East Meadow Fire Dept. #2 Sunday with excellent flounder off Short Beach, at the Big M. Fares averaged 20 to 30 flatties per person. Bob Callan took the pool with a 3 lb. 2 oz. fish with 2nd place going to Jerry Magnus and his 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder. In the PM the George Mashak of Boy Scouts had flounder 8 to 15 per scout. Clams accounted for the larger fish and the top of incoming was best.

Ed's Fishing Station told of 35 flounder taken at the Big M on mussels and sand worms on both tides on Monday for Susan Redlich and Bob Stefanei. Joe Nelson, Pete Gena and Samson Thomas, all of the bronx totaled 70 flounder to 2½ lbs. at the Big M.Thursday on sand and mussels. Fred Rosenthal., Beau Pukisz, and Rich Rizuca all of Astoria, boated 50 flounder going 1 to 2 lbs. in the Jones Beach fishing pier area on worms and mussel chum. Fluking was off a bit this week with the best catches being 10 to 15 keepers a boat. Lots of seaweed was the major problem but the fluke are expected to bounce back.

We hear from **Scotty's Fishing Station** that Swift Creek floundering has remained good while anglers working Reynolds for fluke and small blues are having decent catches if worked at. Blues are being jigged off the beaches in 30 ft. of water and blackfish continue to be caught at the Big M on fiddlers.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Charlie tells of good to excellent fluking this past week in the buoy 8 area of Debs Inlet with lots of keepers being taken. He also had praise for the areas off Rockaway and the Tin Can Grounds. Spearing, squid and sand eel combos all work. BCCs at Pete's Clam Bar in Oceanside and big flounder at the Big M though no real quantities.

The word out of **Long Beach Sports Marina** was good fluking on many days this week off Riis Park and Debs with Saturday an excellent day. During the week buoys 1 and 3 were hot. The keeper ratio has improved with better fish on killie squid combos. Ralph Wood and Sam Herman accounted for 25 fluke to 2½ lbs. at buoy 1. Pete Travagleni accounted for 17 keepers to 4 lbs. at buoy 3 while anchored and chumming with bunker chum and live killies. It was 48 big blues 9 to 18 lbs. on bait and chum at the Farms Saturday for Eric, George, Robert, JM and Nick on the boat No Time. Bluefish seem to be all over the place.

Over at Atlantic Beach, **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** reported very good fluking from the ABB through Debs on sand eels and on live kilies. Blackfish have been quieting down as have flounder. Stripers to 20 lbs. under the ABB on live bunker. Blues to 15 lbs. on live bunker all through Reynolds and very good blueishing off

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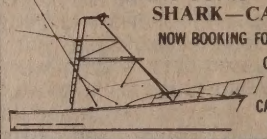

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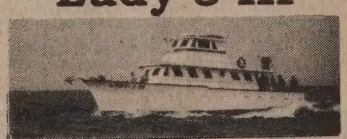

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We hear from Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay of Jim DeMaio fishing the roundhouse and bucktailing an 8¼ lb. Blue. Sal Accardi fished the bay and with a live bunker nailed an 11 lb. weak. Art Barr had 22 blues in Jamaica Bay on bunker. Both bridges have had fair catches on fluke, blues and small porgies.

From **Bay Head Marina** comes word of Capt. Bill Wright who took an 8 lb. striper and 6 blues Sunday night in the head of the bay on Nordic Eels. Tony Vallela hoisted 16 keeper fluke on spearing and sand eels at Silver Hole on the flood Sunday. Rich Brown took 35 nice porgies and a couple of bluefish and fluke working the radar pier off JFK. Lou says the bay seems to be full of blues averaging 5 lbs. with bass and weaks beneath them.

Out of Sheepshead Bay Captain Mickey Hipper of the open boat **Shamrock** has been having good fluking trips as evidenced by a catch by regular Whitey of a 5½ lb. mini-doormat. Whitey is presently leading the boat's fluke derby. Areas being worked are Coney Island Flats and the Jersey coast.

Aboard the **Betty W. III** this week, Capt. Al Coley told of very good bluefish catches on both day and nigh trips. Saturday was slower but Sunday bounced back said Al. Fish are running 2 to 15 lbs. with an occasional weak. Night trips have been excellent he said with fish going 4 to 6 lbs. and up to 19. Al has been working Seabright and Scotland.

We hear from Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** that Saturday's blackfishing was very good with fish to 6 lbs. and a lot of ling, sea bass and an odd porgy. Sunday's action was off with a roll on, but in general said Tom the fishing has been good.

A call from the **Zephyr** (also entered in the NY Harbor Festival tournament) reports very good fluking Monday through Friday off Sandy HOok and other Jersey hotspots. Cold water made the weekend fishing more picky. During the week catches of keeper fluke went 10 to 45 a man depending on skill. Fish ran up to 6 lbs. on sand eels and spearing.

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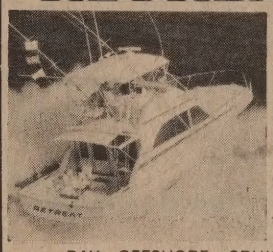

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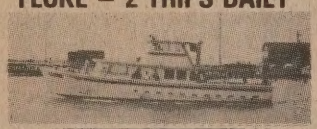

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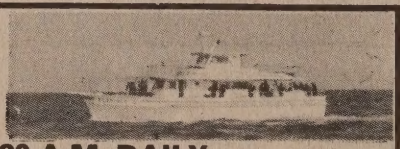

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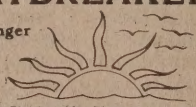

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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Bluefish were everywhere in reports, and excellent early fluking was also a highlight in most places. Porgies were on the upswing out east, and some surprisingly good catches of weakfish were scattered through last week's news as well.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that there were still flounder and tautog in the area and that fluke specialists were crossing to Bayville. Night fishing for blues was good for John and Larry with some fish to 12 pounds on chunks. The **Klondike VIII** was sailing for blues between Port Jeff and Smithtown, and most fish were in the 2-5 pound group. High hooks ran to 35 and the standard medicine was a 4 ounce Klondike jig.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** felt that the fluke and blackfishing was still excellent. Tautog were to be found off Pea Island, Execution, the CBS Tower, and Harts while the flatties were off Half Moon Beach, Sand Point, and Prospect Point. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** detailed some good mixed bags of porgies, blackfish, and flounder. Fishing is from Eatons to Norwalk and Stamford. Dom even gives his regulars a shot at Bayville fluke from time to time when tides are right, and they pull 7-10 fish per drift. Most blackfish are small, but 5-6 pounders win the pools, and flounder are now larger but less numberous over the rocky bottoms. High scup catches can run 15-20 per fare on best days.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** explained that fluking was excellent off Valley Grove with some big fish in the channel near the Coast Guard Station at Eatons Neck. There were also summer flounder off the Lloyd Lighthouse and in the Centerport Channel. Bluefish were all over the area with a few large fish worth mentioning. One 14 pounder was taken on a bunker off Marshall Field, and an 11 pound weak was taken under the blues off the platform

George Valentine at **Four Winds** suggested that bluefish anglers

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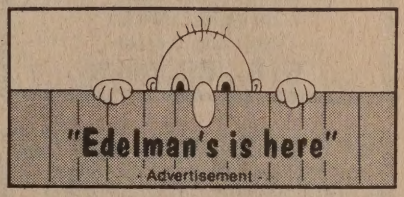

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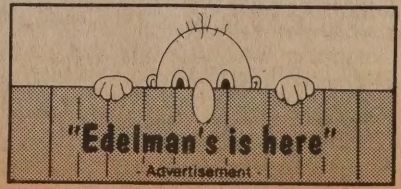

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should stay away from the bunker schools right now and go to the sandeels which is where the fish really are. Also they should give themselves enough time to find the schools. Hugh Chancey weighed a 31½ pound bass taken while worm trolling off Eatons. Porgies were reported off Marshall Field. **Bowman's** in **Northport** put a 10 pound weakfish on the scales, taken off the Coast Guard Station. Tom Bowman called the bluefish angling "October fishing" on fish to 6 pounds with the weakfish as a bonus.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** had some excellent porgy catches of mixed size fish off Oldfield. Fluking in that area was picky but getting better around the Pink House and Flacks. Some weakfish fans were taking fish at night on jelly worms and sandworms. The **Rocky Point Fishing Shop** is busy around the clock and likes all the action from blues to weaks and fluke. Nick Christ found a big school of blues off Sand Beach and managed to get a Kastmaster under them. Lo and behold! There were plenty of fluke in the 6 pound class under that particular pod of choppers. The best bet for scup may be inshore of Buoy 9 off the Rocky Point shoal.

Ralph's Fishing Station has seen fluke to 4 pounds with weaks under the local blues. Best tiderunners will go around 8 pounds, and blues, of course, are 3-4 pounds like everywhere else.

Bruce Cash is breaking in the **Prowler** on open boat trips from Port Jefferson now. He's sailing on a 7 day basis with 8am and 4:30pm dock times. With blues everywhere, he's figuring on a great summer.

Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Hawkeye**, out of **Mt. Sinai**, reports all the bluefish in the 2½ to 3 lb. range that you can jig, all between Buoy 11 and Cedar Beach. On Tuesday, a group which inclueded Al Gruntwagin, Mert Wachtel, Sam Aaronson, and Al Honignan stopped jigging at 125 bluefish while a late week charter with Victor Richardson and his friends boated over 150 blues. A few weakfish in the 4-7 lb. range are occasionally jigged with the blues.

NORTH FORK

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** called to say that there are some bog porgies to 2 pounds plus in the Gardiner's bonanza. Fish are in different spots, shallow and deep, spread from 20 to 50 feet of water. In with the scup are occasional sea bass, 12-20 flounder per trip, and tautog to 3-4 pounds.

ORIENT POINT

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** called the Gardiner's action "tip, tip top" with Saturday's fishing virtually non-stop. Fish are market mediums to large with a mix of other species. One angler had 8 species on his first 8 hookups on Friday. Despite atrocious conditions, a sloppy southwest blow, Sunday's anglers still caught reasonably well to ¾ pail of scup.

Anna May Rainis said that John was toying with the idea of fluking with the **Blue Albatross**, but had a good Saturday of flounder fishing. Larry Ciccotto told us that the **Prime Time III** had very good Gardiner's fluking on Friday with 70 fish for 8 fares, then shifted to Horton's on Saturday where 25 anglers pulled 125 fish to 6 pounds. Sunday's fishing at Horton's was intolerable due to wind versus tide, but the boat bailed out off Trumans.

Dan Buckley did well on fluke off Gardiner's on Sunday with roughly 5-7 summer flounder per fare on the **Nancy Ann II**. The best of the week was an 8 pounder. Buckley wants his fans to note that he'll be moving to Orient Point on July 1st and also sailing for night time blues at 4:30pm on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport weighed a 14.8½ weakfish for Regina Anderson of the Lady Reelers. The giant tiderunners, a new club record, will be taken to a taxidermist; it came from Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann**. Some other good catches of weaks were reported as well. The **Sundowner** had 35 on Thursday and Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** said that 14 tiderunners up to 10.4 were jigged off Trumans on Saturday by Stan SUcharski, Henry Miller and Jersey Jack Van. The **Tuna** accounted for nearly 100 Gardiner's fluke on one trip.

Further up the Sound, there were fluke from the Inlet all the way to Hortons. Bill Thompson, Bill Jr and Steve Stoebel weighed fish of 4-12, 5 and 9 on Thursday at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Charlie Caraftis saw some outstanding porgy catches as well, including 10 jumbos taken on the drift by D. Viola. Fluke were in 15 to 25 feet of water and scup were outside. Ed Kopack noted a catch of hundreds of smaller scup at **Warrens** (also from the Sound) and weighed an 8½ lb. fluke. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** detailed a typical mixed bag for those fishing under the roving schools of blues in the area. Lorry Mangan and Ron Petersen had 3 weakfish and 12 bluefish along with 17 fluke. Small diamond jigs employed while quietly drifting down on these pods of surface fish produced just about everything last week.

On the Bay, there were still weakfish off Shelter Island on evening tides and fluke around Buoy 8. Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk said that all boats had fish Saturday with weaks around buoys 28 and 30, porgies at 30 and on the Middle Grounds, and fluke mixing at Roses. BLuefish were also mixed in.

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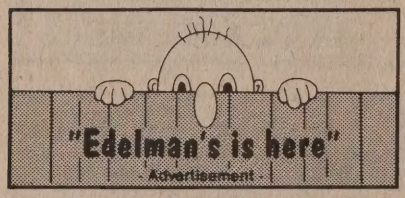

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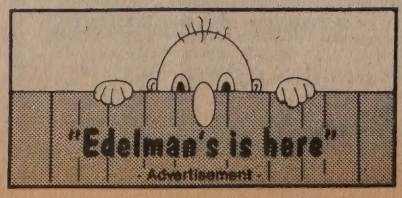

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** figures that the bulk of the porgies are to the east of Sag Harbor, but that fluking the Bay is not given the publicity it should be.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The big news on the surf scene has to be the hot weakfish action which swept Montauk last week and continued through the weekend. According to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Joey Bragan got the ball rolling as early as last Sunday night with a catch of 11 weaks. By mid-week, word was out and plenty of casters shared in the action. Best of the fishing was centered under the light and at Shagwong. Bombers, Needlefish plugs and darters all accounted for fish at one time or another. Musso Superstrike Needlefish were hot on Thursday night as the fish preferred slow, deep moving plugs. On Friday night, East End Surf Club member Glen Just used a 1½ ounce green Superstrike to take 9 weaks. On Saturday night, Bill Kobel, Frank Santora and John Curiale used darters to take 11 weaks under the light. They checked their fish at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Sunday night saw only a handful of fish picked from under the light but at least 2 casters racked up big scores at Shagwong according to a very reliable source. At least a couple of decent bass were culled from among the weaks during the course of the week. According to Johnny Kronuch, Jimmy 'The Plumber' put away a 37 pound striper at mid-week. Early in the week, Mike Demme used a green Musso Needlefish to take a 24 pound striper at Shagwong.

Backtracking up the South Shore, Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** added to his weakfish report by reporting a few nice stripers coming off the east side jetty at Moriches on night tides.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** took a 10 pound weak himself, in the Fire Island Inlet on Friday night. He reported that an earlier stint at Democrat Point produced nothing for himself or any of the other casters on hand. He did know that a number of bass from shorts to teens were taken during the week on tins with teasers at dawn and dusk. Ava jigs and Hopkins were being used by most casters. 'Bucktail' Sal Pantaleone had weaks of 7, 9 and 10 pounds as well as a pair of husky school bass during the course of the week. He worked night tides at the inlet with 7½ inch Rebels.

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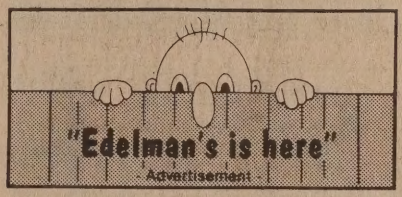

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Bass fishermen experienced a strong upsurge in productivity over last week with scores on Lake Ronkonkoma particularly impressive. Trout fishing continued to be a little off pace, but anglers putting in some work are still connecting. Panfishing has been top notch in virtually any lake or pond. An occasional pickerel mixing in with bass catches.

Anglers have been doing very well in Grant Park and Hempstead Lake, according to Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**. While most of the bass have been on the small side, a few 1-3 lbers. are also being taken. Charlie say's that the small bass are acting like they are starving to death, in fact, one anlger caught and released 35 fish late last week, so now is the time to go.

From **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager reports that fishermen working Lake Ronkonkoma this past week were well rewarded. The biggest bass weighed in went 6 lbs. and was taken Wednesday by Sean Ambrose. A strawberry chubby grub did the trick. Also fishing Lake Ronkonkoma last Wednesday was Mike Milner who used tandem rigged strawberry worms to take bass of 2, 2.5, and 3 lbs. Fred also knew that George Perry used black woolly worms to coax trout of 15 and 16'' from the main pond at Caleb Smith State Park, and Billy King of Setauket, used floating bread baits to land a 6 lb. carp.

From **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Fred Kruse confirmed the fine bass fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma, adding that panfishing has been great as well. Quite a few fish between 3-5 lbs. were taken this week. Leading the pack was Richard Herrmann of Ronkonkoma who had several fish in the 3-4 lb. range. Bob Zambito and Mike Giapaspro each weighed in bass of 3 pounds while taking several other good fish. Surface plugs or live baits have been the top producers.

At **J & R Sport Center**, **Oakdale**, Frank Carnese of West Islip stopped by Sunday to weigh rainbow trout of 3.13 and 2.11 lbs. taken from Connetquot River State Park. His

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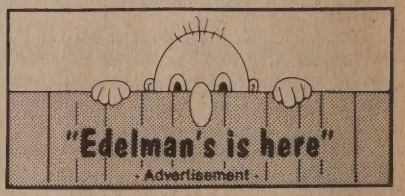

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Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait and Tackle** produced further evidence of striper activity along the Robert Moses/Democrat Point shore. William Easterman dragged a 33.1 pound cow to the scale late Sunday afternoon. It was taken at Democrat Point.

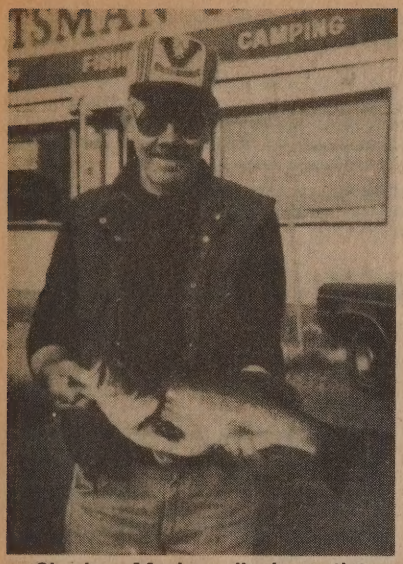
Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy told of Frank Irwin's 49 pound 10 ounce cow taken at the inlet Wednesday morning. Once again, a Musso Needlefish plug proved to be the culprit. The Hempstead angler used a large green version of the plug to take his bass of a lifetime. Tom also reported some action with small blues on the Cedar Bar during the early part of last week.

A last minute call from Dave Canale at J & R Sports reported plenty of small blues being taken at the Sore Thumb this Monday morning on 007s. One caster reported dropping a nice weakfish.

Up on the North Shore, plenty of blues continue to roam the beaches. Tom Brady at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported blues in the early mornings and evenings being taken on poppers and tins. Most are 2-4 pounds but occasionally, a school of 6 to 8 pounders enters the fracas. Night tides have produced a couple of weaks in the 5 to 7 pound range along with just an occasional bass. Tides were off somewhat this week so look for improved night action this week.

Over at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington**, George Valentine reported bluefishing was on and off along Smithtown Bay beaches this week. A few bigger choppers in the 8 to 10 pound range taken on bunker chunks along Northport beaches. The only bass weighed from the surf this week was a 10 pounder taken Friday night on a Hellcat by Pete Misiliewich. Patchogue Fishing Club member Mike O'Hea used a Hellcat to take a 9 pound weakfish at Sunken Meadow on Friday night. Of some interest to surfmen was the report from George that boatmen reported weakfish stacked up in deep water since late last week. If past history follows suit, there is a good shot that before too long, there could be a surge in weakfish action along these North Shore beaches. Let's keep our fingers crossed! Most of the boatfish were in the 8 to 10 pound range.

Bob Osinski of Hauppauge relayed word that he used 4½ inch Rebels to take 15 blues from 2 to 4 pounds and one 6 pounder, along with a 24 inch striper Wednesday evening. He fished



Charles Mosley displays the prize 6¾ lb. largemouth bass he took back on June 4. The big fish was checked in at Sportsman Center in Medford.

eleven year old son Adam, clicked with a 1 lb. brookie. A customer by the name of Ed weighed in pike of 13 and 16 lbs. during the week. The fish were taken from the Thousand Island area of upstate New York.

From his office at Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti called this week "a little slow". While the number of fihs taken was down, the quality remained unchanged. One fisherman took five nice trout from the main pond Saturday morning.

From **J & J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, we learned that Ed and Darrell Yeager picked several pickerel to 4 lbs. from Cannon Lake. Over in the Mill Pond, one fisherman this weekend connected with several catfish and a 2 lb. bass. West Lake in Patchogue also offered some fine fishing, producing a 5.9 lb. largemouth for one unnamed angler. On the trout scene, Bernie Lorenz used a woolly bugger fly to nail a 21" brown trout from a local tidal creek.

Fishing at Southaven Park has been slow of late according to Marry Gallo. About the only action to report was the catch of 15 and 13" bass made by Fred Kavalchuck on Saturday. Trout fishing has been extremely slow and fly fishermen working the back section of the park have not reported any outstanding catches.

On the east end, George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, noted that the bass fishing has picked up alittle bit. Claude Woodley connected with a 3.15 lb. largemouth on Saturday and on the same day, Frank Darienzo of Bayshore, landed a 4.3 lb. bigmouth. Both fish were taken from the Peconic River System. On Sunday, John McDonald of Floral Park and Steve Burey, Wantagh, teamed to catch 15 bass. John caught the largest fish for the day, weighing in a 4.8 pounder.

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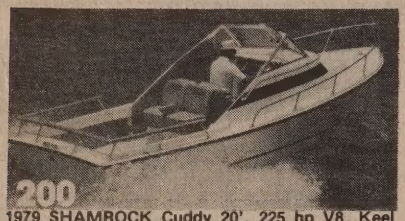

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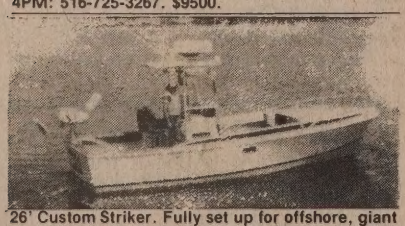

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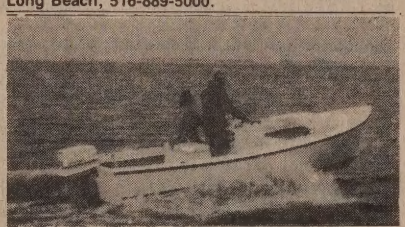

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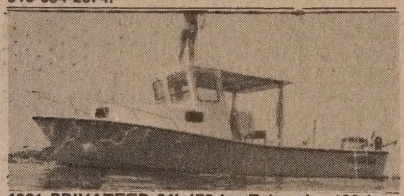

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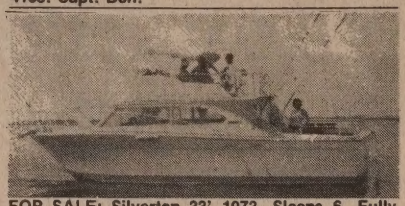

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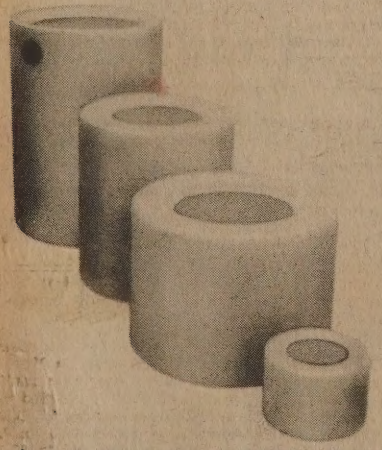

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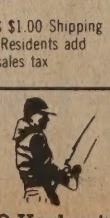

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